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Hooks named as Elba's Police Chief

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Monday night the Elba City Council named Maxwell Hooks Chief of Police, replacing Jack Parker, who has retired. The promotion of the former assistant chief was effective immediately. Hooks has been serving as Acting Chief since Parker's departure earlier in the month. Mayor Ricky Haywood explained to the council that Parker's retirement was effective February 9th and recommended Mr. Hooks be named chief. He added that before Parker's last trip to the hospital, he too had recommended Hooks as be-

ing well qualified for the position. With almost no discussion, the council acted on a motion by council member Gladys Yelverton and all present voted in favor of Hooks for the position. Council member Earl McCollough was absent due to illness. In related business, the council authorized the Chief to hire two replacement police officers. Hooks explained this was needed to bring the department back up to strength and prevent excessive and costly overtime payments. Only officers already certified in law enforcement are being considered for these positions. Hooks assured the council.

The police department will still be under budget after adding these two additional salaries, Hooks explained to council members. Haywood said Hooks and former chief Jack Parker had worked real hard to successfully trim the day-to-day expenditures in the department. The engineering contract to permit the trash landfill was briefly discussed. Haywood said the firm, Carter, Darnell & Grubbs wants payment on the last bill presented. He said they feel they have performed according to the contract with the city. Council members suggested the mayor contact them again with some specific questions about the billing and also see if they can give a time for the permitting.

The repair work on Forest Lake Drive is more than city employees can handle, Haywood said. Also a contract price will exceed the \$5,000 legal limits without bids and they will therefore be soliciting bids, council members were told. The actual bids will be presented to the council at a later meeting for their formal approval or rejection.

City council hoping to break-even on commercial garbage pick-up

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Several of the largest commercial garbage accounts in Elba are facing some change in how they pay, who they pay and how much they pay for garbage pick-up following action by the Elba City Council Monday night.

A long and on-going effort by council members to put garbage pick-up on a break even and equitable basis has resulted in these changes.

Mayor Ricky Haywood emphasized that these adjustments with ISS are not considered issuing a new contract. He said the city would still have several options when the original three year contract expires.

Council member Brad Wilson reported to the council on discussions with ISS. He said the firm would no longer charge the commercial accounts who rent the dumpsters for garbage pick-up, nor will the city be charged a landfill tipping (per ton dumping) fee on garbage removed from these dumpsters. During the discussions with Wilson and the city

hull staff, ISS agreed to drop demands for \$33,000 in back tipping fees for emptying these large commercial dumpsters. ISS will charge rental on the large dumpsters but businesses will have some options. An 8 yard container (the largest available) picked up five days a week will rent for \$250.00. The same container emptied only three times a week will rent for \$225 per week.

A six yard container emptied five times a week will rent for \$200 per month. The same container emptied only three times a week will rent for \$175 per month.

A four yard container emptied five times a week will rent for \$175 per month. The same container emptied only three times a week will rent for \$125 per month.

Mayor Haywood explained these commercial customers will be contacted individually by a representative.

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Funding approved for flood warning system on Pea River

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

U. S. Senator Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) announced that the Department of the Army has allocated funds for the construction of a basin wide flood warning system for the Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers in Alabama.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$357,500 with \$268,100 allocated from federal resources. The system is scheduled to be completed within the year.

"I am delighted to see the realization of such a worthwhile project," Senator Shelby said. "It is difficult

to put a price on something as important as the real time flood warning system that will soon be in both the Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers, Alabama basins.

"Finally, we will see the day when families repeatedly affected by flood waters in this area will be safer from the threat of heavy flooding and will rest much easier."

Final design and preparation of contract plans and specifications for the project are complete, and the local cooperation agreement between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Choctawhatchee/Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority is awaiting final signature.



WIREGRASS LION VISITS ELBA. John Shipman, a member of the Wiregrass Lions Club in Dothan, was the featured speaker at a recent bi-monthly meeting of the Elba club. Shipman reminded Lions of dedication to conserve, preserve and restore sight. The Alabama Lions Sight Association, Inc. was founded to conserve sight and vision by avoiding and preventing blindness; to preserve sight by treating diseases and ailments of and injuries to the eye; and to restore lost sight and vision where possible. Lions helps individuals throughout the state who are unable to meet their own sight-related needs. Shipman quoted Helen Keller, "I appeal to you, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are brave and strong and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness?" Pictured above with Shipman (right) is Dr. M. V. Miles, a member of the local Lions Club.



GROUND BREAKING FOR NEW BUILDING Members of the Ino Volunteer Fire Department held the official breaking for their new fire station on Sunday afternoon, February 26th. The facility will be across the highway from the present fire station. This larger building will be 40 X 69, with three truck bays and will include a classroom. Construction was scheduled to begin this week.

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE BIDS TOTALING MORE THAN \$68,000

Commission approves compressed work week

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

The Coffee County Commission almost broke a record Monday morning but missed doing so by just a few minutes. The meeting lasted just over one hour - bill signing and all.

Commissioners breezed through their short agenda rather quickly and got right down to the business of paying bills. Two members of the commission, Wendell Black and Jack Hanson, were absent from the meeting.

Two bids, one for laminated decking to be used in bridge construction and the other for steel pipe, were awarded by commissioners.

Structural Wood Systems of Greenville, AL was low bidder on the bridge components. Their bid total was \$42,115.00.

The low bid of \$26,743.64 (total) for steel pipe went to Choctaw of Montgomery, AL.

Coffee County's new engineer, Randall Tindell, presented the commissioners with the pros and cons of a four - ten hour per day work week.

Reduced absenteeism, increased productivity, high employee moral and monetary savings, to both employer and employee, were a few of the pros mentioned by Tindell.

Tindell told commissioners that the extra day off (Friday) gave employees a time in which to tend to personal business.

He commented that some employees even use the day off to do part time work to supplement their income.

"Some of them even bank on having these Fridays free. A lot of them get outside employment for Fridays and Saturdays to try to supplement

their income," said Tindell. "Most of our county employees are not paid the best in the world to start with and they look to this as an opportunity to boost their personal income."

The three-day weekend also allows employees, who cannot take extended expensive vacations, to take several less expensive mini-vacations during the year.

"A happy employee is a more productive employee," Tindell told commissioners.

Monetarily, the 10-4 work week saves the county and the employee jointly approximately \$34,000 annually.

In summary, Tindell stated that it is a proven practice. More than half the counties in Alabama, governmental agencies, and private companies and corporations in the area have gone, or are going, to the compressed work week concept.

Tindell did mention a couple of cons to the practice, one being the reduced exposure of county employees to the public and another of employees not being readily available should a disaster occur on a Friday.

After Tindell's presentation, Commissioner Bernest Brooks commended him on the factual and thoroughness of the information supplied to them concerning the 10-4 work week.

The commissioners gave their approval for Tindell to implement the compressed work week scheduled to begin in March and continue through October.

Tindell asked for and received the commission's approval to sell some surplus equipment. Some of the items mentioned were: 2 front-end loaders, an asphalt distributor mounted on a truck, 1 small mulching machine, a flat bed truck body, 4



Pictured above accepting/presenting the drawing are (l-r): Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel, Rebecca Creel, and Joseph Gayhart.

automobiles, and a five-wheeler (John Deere).

Commissioners Bill Faulk, Robert Stephens and Randy Lunsford were appointed by Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel to assist Tindell in the sale and disposition of the equipment. Tindell mentioned that the City of Enterprise was interested in the asphalt spreader.

Chairman Creel recommended that Robert Byrd be re-appointed to a six-year term on the Tabernacle-Clintonville Water Authority. This was done.

Earlier in the commission meeting, Ms. Tomi Harding, along with Rebecca Creel of Thomas Gallery presented, to the commission, a drawing/painting of the Enterprise Courthouse.

The painting, which will hang in the commission chamber, was done by Joseph Gayhart.

He noted that one local newspaper prepared a very informative in-

HAPPENINGS

RATTLESNAKE RODEO. On Friday, March 3, the Rattler 50 stock car race will be held at the Onycha Raceway. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. with racing beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Rodeo will kick-off at Channel-Lee Stadium in Opp on Saturday, March 4, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue through Sunday, March 5.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. The Elba Lions Club has schedule its annual Pancake Breakfast for Saturday morning, March 4, at the Elba Senior Citizens Building. Serving hours will be from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Adults - \$3.00 & children under age 12 - \$2.00.

V.O.C.A.L. The Wiregrass Chapter of V.O.C.A.L. (Victims Of Crime And Leniency) will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday in March 8. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Coffee County Baptist Association Office located on U. S. Hwy. 84 in New Brockton. All members of the chapter and victims of crime are invited to attend. For more information, call Danny Jordan at 897-6896.

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. in city hall.

Elba W&E Board ups reconnect fee

During the regular monthly meeting of the City of Elba Water & Electric Board, the members voted to increase the fee for reconnecting meters.

Should a customer have their power disconnected due to nonpayment of their utility bill, it will cost them \$25.00 to have the meter reconnected. The old fee was \$15.00.

The action was taken by the W & E Board on February 14, 1995 and was effective at 8:00 a.m., February 15, 1995.

Vending machines valued at more than \$2,700 recovered

Recently several newspaper vending machines went missing from Elba. The machines have been found, but there have been no arrests.

According to a press release from the Elba Police Department, the machines were found at approximately 3:30 p.m., Monday afternoon.

Investigator Johnny Senn, who is with the Elba Police Department, with the help of Investigator Myron Williams, who is with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, recovered the four newspaper vending machines worth approximately \$2,700.00.

The items were taken over the past weekend from various businesses in Elba.

Inv. Williams located the machines in a nearby wooded area and returned them to their owner.

At this time, no one has been arrested and charged in the thefts.

The incident is still under investigation by the Elba Police Department.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

by Fob James
Governor of Alabama

In the wake of the tornadoes that hit the towns of Arab and Jopka recently, I want to take a few moments today to remind you about "Severe Weather Preparedness Week."

As governor, I have proclaimed the week of February 27-March 3 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in an effort to help better prepare people throughout the state of what to do when severe weather strikes.

Early warning systems across Alabama vary from location to location so severe weather preparedness much depends on you. When severe weather seems eminent, tune into local television and radio stations for the latest updates. And when you feel threatened by severe weather, move to a safe shelter.

Alabama regularly has suffered the effects of severe weather throughout its history. Studies show that preparedness, planning and increased public awareness of both the dangers of severe weather and protective actions result in the reduction of the average number of injuries and fatalities from these storms compared to the rise in population.

In preparation for the 1995 severe weather season, the National Weather Service, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, the Alabama Department of Education, local school systems and local Emergency Management Agencies across the state are engaged in a campaign to prevent injury and loss of life from tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flooding and flash flooding.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1995, Alabama public schools and people throughout the state will

take part in a statewide tornado drill. I urge you to participate in this effort and to become familiar with what you should do when severe weather strikes.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost family members during the tornadoes which struck north Alabama recently, and my office immediately began working with state and federal officials to begin efforts to return life back to normal for those who were victims of this tragic natural disaster.

And to all who have offered assistance to our neighbors in north Alabama, I want to thank you—from law enforcement, to EMA workers, to volunteers who have made contributions to relief efforts. Thank you so much, and God bless you.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of February 21, 1995 through February 27, 1995.

They were: Vince Lee, Wanda Messick, Patricia Boutwell, Fannie Berry, Willie Roberts, Charlie Jordan, Vinnie Medley, Mildred Jones, Essie Bell, R. C. Boutwell, and Melinda Jones.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Johnny Manning, Chance Carter, Tishie Davis, James Hattaway, Sarah Sexton, Mavis Legear, Dusty Smith, Mavis Beckworth, Vince Lee, Molly Reeves, Mia Taylor, Patricia Boutwell, Fannie Berry, Charlie Jordan, Nonia Runion, Wanda Messick, Jessie Sexton, J. D. Parrish, Mildred Jones, Essie Bell, and R. C. Boutwell.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 21 Thru 27, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, February 21, 1995, investigated the following incidents: six thefts, three criminal mischiefs, two harassments, one stalking, one menacing, and two assaults.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for theft and two for failure to appear.

The following traffic citations were issued: three for driving while driver's license are suspended, three for speeding, one for passing in a no passing zone, one for revoked driver's license, and one for driver's license required.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - Wreck at the Post Office (3:19 p.m.); Mobile home fire on Neil Grantham Drive (4:03 p.m.); River stage 14.13 feet (5:33 p.m.); Alarm at South-Trust Bank (8:55 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - River stage - 13.45 feet (6:41 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - River stage - 10.50 feet (6:37 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba Headstart (9:41 a.m.); Routine activity.



FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Contract With America: Halfway Update

As I write this column, the U.S. House of Representatives has just completed the 50th day of one of the most successful "100 Day" periods in its history.

Already we've conducted more committee hearings, held more votes, and debated the issues longer and harder than any Congress in recent memory. Let's look at the progress so far on the "Contract With America."

With the House passage of the conservative anti-crime bills in the "Contract," our communities and states will have the flexibility to decide how best to spend federal crime prevention grants.

Let's be clear — the 1994 Clinton crime bill never fully funded 100,000 new police. In six years or more, the money runs out and our communities are stuck with the bill. New cities and towns can spend this federal money according to their own local needs — new police, new equipment, even a patrol car if that's the best way to fight crime.

The House has also passed anti-crime bills which make it easier to deport criminal aliens, and we've provided incentives for states to ensure prisoners will serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. We're also requiring that criminals convicted in federal court make restitution to their victims. This isn't political gimmickry, just common sense.

Looking back to the first day, the new Congress cut its own budget, and slashed committee staff. It also passed a bill requiring Congress to live under the same laws that every small business in America lives under. Again, it was just overdue common sense.

Also topping the list of Capitol Hill achievements, the House passed a Balanced Budget Amend-

ment to force Congress to live within its means, just as most states already have to do. By preventing Wastefulness from piling the national debt on our future generations, we've advocated to protect our children and their chance for a better life.

For more than a decade, presidents have asked the formerly liberal-controlled Congresses to grant them the Line Item Veto to control wasteful spending and outrageous pork projects. The Congresses never gave an inch — that is until last week when the new conservative House finally voted to give this power to the president. This was a big victory for sane federal spending.

Most of us have never heard of "unfunded mandates." I can assure you we've paid the bills for them through high state and local taxes. Unfunded mandates come about when Congress passes a program but leaves the costs to the states and local governments. These unfunded mandates have exploded in number over the years. We've passed a reform bill in the House which strongly discourages Congress from passing these hidden tax increases.

Just last week we also restored some common sense to our national security and international relations policies.

The House passed a bill restricting the use of U.S. soldiers in UN missions. And, our most precious national security resource — our men and women in uniform — must have the tools to do the job. This bill establishes review process to do just that.

With Senate approval and still more reforms ahead, the next 50 days should be equally exciting. I'll keep you informed here on the progress of the Contract With America.

AREA DEATHS

MAY BELL SNELL

May Bell Snell, age 86 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Wednesday, February 15, 1995 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 1995 from the St. Mary Baptist Church of Enterprise, Alabama, with Rev. Naamon Wright officiating.

Burial followed in the New Salem Cemetery of Brundidge, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Emma (John D.) Flowers of Canton, Ohio and Ammie (Arthur) Bailey of Enterprise, AL; two sons, M.F. (Leola) Snell of Enterprise, AL and Willie (Mary) Snell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; one daughter-in-law, Martha Snell of Enterprise, AL; one son-in-law, D.C. Davis of Fort Lauderdale, FL; 20 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 20 great great grandchildren; three brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alto Snell, and three children: Alice Minnie Jewel, Bailey Snell, and Gladys Snell Davis.

FLETCHER FRANKLIN JONES

Fletcher Franklin Jones, age 99 of Opp, Alabama, died Saturday, February 25, 1995 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 1995, from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL, with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hard-on Street Cemetery of Opp, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include a son, Nelsa Bailey of Opp, AL; a daughter, Corine B. Crayton of Montgomery, AL; a granddaughter, Margaret Hill; 9 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren. Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Jones.

GORDON MACK DREWERY

Gordon Mack Drewery, age 71 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, February 17, 1995 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 19, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Murray Kelley and Rev. Grady Russell officiating.

Burial followed in the Ino Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Foye Merle Drewery of Elba, AL; a daughter, Rhonda Sue Jewell of Dothan, AL; two sons, Ellis Carl Drewery of Ila, Georgia and Johnny Mack Drewery of Elba, AL; a sister, Margie Harrison of New Brockton, AL; two brothers, Wayne Drewery and Floyd Drewery, both of Elba, AL; five grandchildren.

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Spring quarter to begin March 6th Bryan receives promotion at MacArthur

Spring quarter classes begin March 6 at MacArthur State Technical College in Opp. For registration information, call the college at 493-3573.

Spring quarter begins March 6 at MacArthur State Technical College, and evening programs are now enrolling students. Register now for evening programs in welding, cosmetology, and auto body. For more information, call MacArthur at 493-3573.

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program at MacArthur State Technical College is now accepting applications for spring quarter classes beginning March 6. Get the training you need to be certified as a nursing assistant in one of the fastest growing health care fields. For more information, call MacArthur at 493-3573.

MacArthur State Technical College is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 1995, and will honor graduates and former students with special activities and publications during the year. If you wish to nominate an outstanding graduate for recognition during MacArthur's 30th anniversary celebrations, call MacArthur State Technical College at 493-3573 with your nomination.

Wayne Bryan was recently promoted to the grade of Sergeant First Class (SFC/E7) with Detachment One, Battery C, 1st Battalion (155MM SP) 117th Field Artillery, the Elba Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard.

Presenting the promotion, and pinning on the new stripes was Brigadier General Joel W. Norman, Commander of the 31st Separate Armor Brigade. BG Norman was the Commander of the Elba Unit from June 1972 to October 1976, and was visiting the unit during a recent command inspection.

SFC Bryan, enlisted in the Elba Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard in April 1964, served until April 1970, and after a two year break in service, SFC Bryan reenlisted in the Elba unit and has served with the unit ever since, totaling 29 years of dedicated service.

SFC Bryan's duty assignments in the past have included Battery Armorer, Battery Supply Sergeant, Battery Mess Sergeant, and will now serve as the Battery's SFC Sergeant, and senior enlisted member of the Elba unit.

Members, past and present, of the Elba Guard Unit salute SFC Bryan for his outstanding performance, and offer congratulations on a well deserved promotion, and wishes of continued success for the remainder of his career.



Pictured left to right: General Joel W. Norman and SFC Wayne Bryan.

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Governor of Alabama

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As governor, I have proclaimed the week of February 27-March 3 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in an effort to help better prepare people throughout the state of what to do when severe weather strikes.

Early warning systems across Alabama vary from location to location so severe weather preparedness much depends on you. When severe weather seems eminent, tune into local television and radio stations for the latest updates. And when you feel threatened by severe weather, move to a safe shelter.

Alabama regularly has suffered the effects of severe weather throughout its history. Studies show that preparedness, planning and increased public awareness of both the dangers of severe weather and protective actions result in the reduction of the average number of injuries and fatalities from these storms compared to the rise in population.

In preparation for the 1995 severe weather season, the National Weather Service, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, the Alabama Department of Education, local school systems and local Emergency Management agencies across the state are engaged in a campaign to prevent injury and loss of life from tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flooding and flash flooding.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1995, Alabama public schools and people throughout the state will

take part in a statewide tornado drill. I urge you to participate in this effort and to become familiar with what you should do when severe weather strikes.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost family members during the tornadoes which struck north Alabama recently, and my office immediately began working with state and federal officials to begin efforts to return life back to normal for those who were victims of this tragic natural disaster.

And to all who have offered assistance to our neighbors in north Alabama, I want to thank you—from law enforcement, to EMA workers, to volunteers who have made contributions to relief efforts. Thank you so much, and God bless you.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of February 21, 1995 through February 27, 1995.

They were: Vince Lee, Wanda Messick, Patricia Boutwell, Fannie Berry, Willie Roberts, Charlie Jordan, Vinnie Medley, Mildred Jones, Essie Bell, R. C. Boutwell, and Melinda Jones.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Johnny Manning, Chance Carter, Tishie Davis, James Hattaway, Sarah Sexton, Mavis Legear, Dusty Smith, Mavis Beckworth, Vince Lee, Molly Reeves, Mia Taylor, Patricia Boutwell, Fannie Berry, Charlie Jordan, Nona Runion, Wanda Messick, Jesse Sexton, D. D. Parrish, Mildred Jones, Essie Bell, and R. C. Boutwell.

BE CAREFUL

ELBA POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 21 Thru 27, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, February 21, 1995, investigated the following incidents: six thefts, three criminal mischiefs, two harassments, one stalking, one menacing, and two assaults.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for theft and two for failure to appear.

The following traffic citations were issued: three for driving while driver's license are suspended, three for speeding, one for passing in a no passing zone, one for revoked driver's license, and one for driver's license required.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - Wreck at the Post Office (3:19 p.m.); Mobile home fire on Neil Grantham Drive (4:03 p.m.); River stage 14.13 feet (5:33 p.m.); Alarm at South-Trust Bank (8:55 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - River stage - 13.45 feet (6:41 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - River stage - 10.50 feet (6:37 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba Headstart (9:41 a.m.); Routine activity.



FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Contract With America: Halfway Update

As I write this column, the U.S. House of Representatives has just completed the 50th day of one of the most successful "100 Day" periods in its history.

Already we've conducted more committee hearings, held more votes, and debated the issues longer and harder than any Congress in recent memory. Let's look at the progress so far on the "Contract With America."

With the House passage of the conservative anti-crime bills in the "Contract," our communities and states will have the flexibility to decide how best to spend federal crime prevention grants.

Let's be clear — the 1994 Clinton crime bill never fully funded 100,000 new police. In six years or less, the money runs out and our communities are stuck with the bill. Now cities and towns can spend this federal money according to their own local needs — new police, new equipment, even a patrol car if that's the best way to fight crime.

The House has also passed anti-crime bills which make it easier to deport criminal aliens, and we've provided incentives for states to ensure prisoners will serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. We also are requiring that criminals convicted in federal court make restitution to their victims. This isn't political gimmickry, just common sense.

Looking back to the first day, the new Congress cut its own budget, slashed committee staff. It also passed a bill requiring Congress to live under the same laws that every small business in America lives under. Again, it was just overdue common sense.

Also topping the list of Capitol Hill achievements, the House passed a Balanced Budget Amend-

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AREA DEATHS

MAY BELL SNELL

May Bell Snell, age 86 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Wednesday, February 15, 1995 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 1995 from the St. Mary Baptist Church of Enterprise, Alabama, with Rev. Naamon Wright officiating.

Burial followed in the New Salem Cemetery of Brundidge, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Emma (John D.) Flowers of Canton, Ohio and Annie (Arthur) Bailey of Enterprise, AL; two sons, M.F. (Lola) Snell of Enterprise, AL and Willie (Mary) Snell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; one daughter-in-law, Martha Snell of Enterprise, AL; one son-in-law, D.C. Davis of Fort Lauderdale, FL; 20 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 20 great great grandchildren; three brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alto Snell, and three children: Alice Minnie Jewell, Bailey Snell, and Gladiola Snell Davis.

FLETCHER FRANKLIN JONES

Fletcher Franklin Jones, age 99 of Opp, Alabama, died Saturday, February 25, 1995 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 1995, from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL, with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hardin Street Cemetery of Opp, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include a son, Nelay Bailey of Opp, AL; a daughter, Corine B. Crayton of Montgomery, AL; a granddaughter, Margaret Hill; 9 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Jones.

GORDON MACK DREWERY

Gordon Mack Drewery, age 71 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, February 17, 1995 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 19, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Murray Kelley and Rev. Grady Russell officiating.

Burial followed in the Ino Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Foye Merle Drewery of Elba, AL; a daughter, Rhonda Sue Jewell of Dothan, AL; two sons, Ellis Carl Drewery of Ila, Georgia and Johnny Mack Drewery of Elba, AL; a sister, Margie Harrison of New Brockton, AL; two brothers, Wayne Drewery and Floyd Drewery, both of Elba, AL; five grandchildren.

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Spring quarter to begin March 6th Bryan receives promotion at MacArthur

Spring quarter classes begin March 6 at MacArthur State Technical College in Opp. For registration information, call the college at 493-3573.

Spring quarter begins March 6 at MacArthur State Technical College, and evening programs are now enrolling students. Register now for evening programs in welding, cosmetology, and auto body. For more information, call MacArthur at 493-3573.

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program at MacArthur State Technical College is now accepting applications for spring quarter classes beginning March 6. Get the training you need to be certified as a nursing assistant in one of the fastest growing health care fields. For more information, call MacArthur at 493-3573.

MacArthur State Technical College is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 1995, and will honor graduates and former students with special activities and publications during the year. If you wish to nominate an outstanding graduate for recognition during MacArthur's 30th anniversary celebrations, call MacArthur State Technical College at 493-3573 with your nomination.

Wayne Bryan was recently promoted to the grade of Sergeant First Class (SFC/E7) with Detachment One, Battery C, 1st Battalion (155MM SP) 117th Field Artillery, the Elba Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard.

Presenting the promotion, and pinning on the new stripes was Brigadier General Joel W. Norman, Commander of the 31st Separate Armor Brigade, BG Norman was the Commander of the Elba Unit from June 1972 to October 1976, and was visiting the unit during a recent command inspection.

SFC Foyle "Wayne" Bryan, enlisted in the Elba Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard in April 1964, served until April 1970, and after a two year break in service, SFC Bryan reenlisted in the Elba unit and has served with the unit ever since, totaling 29 years of dedicated service.

SFC Bryan's duty assignments in the past have included Battery Armorer, Battery Supply Sergeant, Battery Mess Sergeant, and will now serve as the Battery's Gunnery Sergeant, and senior enlisted member of the Elba unit.

Members, past and present, of the Elba Guard Unit salute SFC Bryan for his outstanding performance, and offer congratulations on a well deserved promotion, and wishes of continued success for the remainder of his career.



Pictured left to right: General Joel W. Norman and SFC Wayne Bryan.

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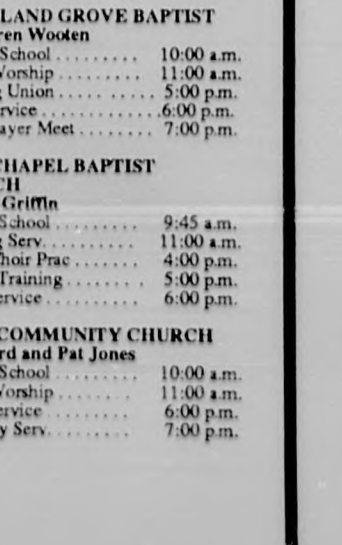
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are Christina Cook, Wyndi Baker, Randy Dodd, Bradley Bowers, and Travis McKenzie.

Bradley Bowers - Bradley is in the seventh grade and is the son of Vince and Pam Bowers. He enjoys playing football, basketball, and baseball. Bradley attends Westside Baptist Church.

Travis McKenzie - Travis is the eighth grade son of Mary Moultrie. He is a member of FFA and enjoys playing football and basketball.

Randy Dodd - Randy is in the ninth grade and is the son of Jim and Elaine Dodd. He is a member of FFA and FBLA and likes playing baseball. Randy attends Westside Baptist Church.

Christina Cook - Christina is the tenth-grade daughter of Jim and Lynn Cook. She is a member of FBLA and FFA and enjoys being with friends. Christina attends Elba First Baptist Church.

Wyndi Baker - Wyndi is in the eleventh grade and is the daughter of Kenneth and Pam Baker. She is a member of FBLA, FCA, Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta, and Girl Scout Troop #340. Wyndi enjoys playing softball, volleyball, and being with friends. Wyndi attends Elba United Methodist Church.

Elba High School Honor Roll Third Six Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade
Nataasha Bannin, Beverlee Benbow, Emilee Benbow, Vaughan Boyd, Nicholas Brunson, Conny Cooper, Tiffany Farris, Melissa Grantham, Jessica Hall, Katie Holloway, Landsey Jared, Racann McCollough, Leslie Stinson, Shanna Tillis, Katie Vaughan, Kendra Vaughn, Kimberley Ward, Jessica Welch, Stephanie Williams.

8th Grade
Lee English, Mike Fanning, Diana Jackson, Justin Maddox, Julie Robertson.

9th Grade
Andy Daugherty, Brandee Farris, Matthew Farris, Anna Head, Walt Russell.

10th Grade
Melissa Benbow.

11th Grade
Jarrod Adkinson, Wendy Boutwell, Stevenson Clark, Mary Margaret Jacobs, Jenny Ross, Marsha Tillis.

12th Grade
Charles Bozeman, Carrie Bradley, Cary Clark, Dawn Grimes, Missy McDaniel, Jonathan Ross, Patrick Scarborough, Mary Stephens, Elena Strong, Malinda Tyson, Shea Ward, Shakenia Williams.

"A-B" Honor Roll

7th Grade
Greg Bowers, Nathan Bryan, Eric Gips, Aaron Holland, Lance Johnson, Josh Lawford, Tasha McDonald, Sara Miller, Monique Ordon, Brandy Phillips, Ben Purvis, Emilee Qualls, Chastity Lynn Sasser, Andrea Seay, Dustin Stinson, Wesley Sykes, Latoris Thomas, Angela Tillis, Dustin White.

8th Grade
Adam Brooks, Shimeca Daniels, Telesha Daniels, Deana Gifford, Reese Grantham, Brandi Harrison, Casey Henderson, Brad Holley, Paige Hudson, Angie Laney, Anna Maddox, Jamey Money, Daniel Murrell, Katie Holloway, Landsey Jared, Tracy Skipper, Elizabeth Stephens, Daniel Ward.

9th Grade
Stephen Adcock, Corey Adkinson, Jeremy Blenn, Luke Bludworth, Andrea Canley, Willie Chism, Jake Cowen, Ayida Cumberland, Ladon Daniels, Heather DeBoer, Leigh Kelley, Misty Kelley, Brandie Mann, Scott Mitchell, Kenneth Mitchell, Tawanna Rodgers, Elizabeth Strong, Bonnie Vaughan.

10th Grade
Lanadra Caldwell, Trent Calhoun, Princess Fleming, Jason Jordan, Ashley Landey, Paul Marsh, Renae Nicholson, D'Undray Peterson.

11th Grade
Vincent Anderson, Regenia Austin, Wyndi Baker, Destiny Brown, Eddie Cowen, Emily Crowe, Jennifer Eiland, Melissa Hall, Jamie Holley, Florette Jackson, Sasha Kidd, Crystal Layton, Kristy Morris, Kayla Phillips, Jason Smith, Anna Stokes, Joe Stoumireu, Ryan Ward, Mandy White, Lisa Williams.

12th Grade
Annie Austin, Demaris Barnes, Bo Boyd, Ramsey Bryan, Jennifer Childress, Chari Davis, Donna DeBoer, Charlie Driggers, Jill W. Dunn, Tammy Knight, Heather Lawford, Mandy Pope, Angela Richards, Shanandra Rogers, Amy Sasser, Angela Sauls, Donna Sims, Dusty Smith, Melissa Sorrells, Che Vaughan, Velma Whitfield, Aretha Wright, Makasha Young.

Tiger Tales

Editor:
Elena Strong
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Patrick Scarborough



SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above are Bo Boyd (left) and Ozell Daniels.

Elba City Schools Menu March 6-10, 1995

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Hotdog, French Fries, Field Peas, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday - Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Fried Chicken, Rice, Garden Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
Friday - Toast & Eggs or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Taco Salad, Shredded Lettuce, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Apple, Milk.

Whatever... by Whomever

*The Elba High School SGA will host the Student Government District Meeting at ESJC on March 10.

*Varsity Cheerleader Tryouts are March 16.

*The EHS Baseball Team will play Greenville here at 4:00 on March 16. They will travel to Enterprise on March 18 with the games beginning at 1:00.

*The EHS Math Team will travel to Wallace College on March 20 for a Math Tournament.

*The Miss Spring Break Pageant will be held during 6th period on March 24.

*March 27-31 are AEA Holidays.

Ad Sales Begin

by Jonathan Ross

Once again, the Journalism Staff at EHS is selling ads for the yearbook. The prices for ads are \$150 for a full page, \$100 for a half page, \$60 for a quarter of a page, and \$30 for an eighth of a page. The Journalism Staff members are hard at work visiting and telephoning businesses in hopes of selling ads. These ads are the largest supporters of the Elba. If you are a business owner and a member of the Journalism Staff contacts you, please purchase an ad. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

GO FOR THE GOLD. On February 9, at the Image Projection Workshop, each school participated in the banner march. The theme for the day was "FHA 50 Years Leading the Way". For the year 1995, FHA is celebrating the 50th birthday and Elba student Angie Daniels designed the Elba High School banner around this theme. Donna DeBoer and Angie carried the Elba banner in the banner march.

Faculty-Student Basketball

by Jarrod Adkinson
On Thursday, February 16, the Elba High School Senior Beta Club sponsored a faculty/student basketball game. The faculty won with a score of 54-33. Each student attending the game paid \$1.00.

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Fifty Years Young



by Tazzie Messer
Chapters of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) throughout Coffee County celebrated the fiftieth birthday of FHA at the Image Projection Workshop held at the New Brockton Farm Center. In addition, Mrs. Joan Hobbs, Zion Chapel's FHA sponsor, decided to celebrate the birthday locally.

The members of FHA celebrated the birthday with a cake and lots of other refreshments. Decorations for the party included balloons imprinted with the FHA emblem.

As part of FHA week, the members at the party formed a human seat belt around the Science/Vocational Building. They held hands around the building showing that everyone should be safe and wear seat belts.

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Zion Chapel Holds Open House

by Lisa Hodges

Recently, parent visitors were held throughout Coffee County. Zion Chapel Elementary and High School held Open House to accommodate this event.

All parents were encouraged to speak to all of their children's teachers between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) led a spaghetti supper between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for the cost of \$2.50.

An assembly which consisted of parents, teachers, and some students was held after the spaghetti supper to discuss the renovation of the school cafeteria which is now taking place.

Also, at the assembly Mrs. Mendez had a special program performed by three fourth grade students out of which she has for a short time every week. Samantha McWaters, Ashley Thomaston, and Russ Faircloth performed four songs in Spanish. They sang "La Cucaracha", "Los Pollos", "Memes", and "Buenos Noches".

"Los Pollos" was a song that helped the students with their Spanish vocabulary. "Memes" was a song that helped the students with months and days of the week. "Buenos



Pictured above are: Seated - Samantha Waters (l) and Ashley Thomaston; Standing - Russ Faircloth.

Niches" was a song about common expressions. "La Cucaracha" was a fun song that helped the children relax in front of the audience.

Kinston Elementary School 3rd Six Weeks Perfect Attendance & Honor Rolls

Perfect Attendance
Kindergarten
Brock Barlette, Josh Grace, Brady Hataway, Garrett Kelley, Amy McCrummen, Brandon Reese, Caliegh Sanders, Courtney Weeks.

"A" Honor Roll
First Grade
Amanda Brown, Ashley Carter, Josh Driver, Blaine Drury, Jessica Fuller, Josh Holm, Brittan, Hunko, Danielle Kelley, Casey Mack, Amber McCall, Lee McCrummen, Matt Odum, Candace Patterson, Ramsey Phillips, Mindy Wise.

Second Grade
Kontora Edwards, Breana Hataway, Kristen Hunt, Billy Johnson, Amy Mascorro, Joseph McCrummen, Dustin Patterson, Ramsi Smith, Tana Smith, Lee Watson, Tiffany Wilson.

Third Grade
Bryan Carpenter, Jeremy Driver, Courtney Farris, Shae Farris, Jonathan Hataway, Michael Hataway, Daniel Holm, Russ Kelley, Amanda Lashley, Anley Rushing, Lacey Sherwood, Hillary Sumlin, Courtney Tillis, Crystal Weeks, Ben Wise.

Fourth Grade
Jim Bedsole, Ashley Johnson, Matthew McInnis, Josh Odum, Jeremy Parker, Andrea Thori, Sloane Weeks, Matthew Wilkerson, Tara Williams.

Fifth Grade
Ryan Anderson, Dennis Busby, Melanie Dean, April Hawthorne, Jeremy Wise.

Sixth Grade
Tiffany Day, Jessica Kelley, Holli Odum, Justin Wilks, Jason Wood.

"A-B" Honor Roll
First Grade
Josh Brown, Blaine Drury, Tinell Harrison, Danielle Kelley, Josh Lowery, Casey Mack, Amber McCall, Amber McKinney, Garrett

Second Grade
Rebecca Crouse, Michael Edgar, Jessica Glisson, Josh Hataway, Abbie Hatcher, Kacie Kelley, Ross Kelley, Megan King, Tyler Mock, Ashley Moore, Blake Phillips, Ricky Powell, Ashley Rushing, Courtney Tillis, Crystal Weeks.

Third Grade
Jay Barlette, Alvin Henderso, Jeremy Humes, Jamie Johnson, Geneva Legaspi, Jason McInnis, Mary Scofield, Katie Smith, Jaime Stewart, Andrea Thorn, Graham Weeks, Lee Whigham.

Fourth Grade
Ben Bradley, Becky Daum, Skyler Drury, Bryan Ellis, Rachel Grimes, Lee Holly, Jeff Hughes, Ashley Hunko, Susie Johnson, Jason Long, Will Mack, Ashley Nelson, Brandi Nelson, Patrick Nelson, Tim Norsworthy, Cody Sansom, Courtney Sansom, Donnie Sansom, Keith Thomas, Shannon Winters.

Sixth Grade
Marissa Barefoot, Mallorree Bedsole, Jason Farris, Kyle Harris, Nicole Lashley, Adam Martinelli, Chris Rhodes, Tommy Townsend, Wade Ward, Brad White, Clay Wise, Doug Wilkerson.

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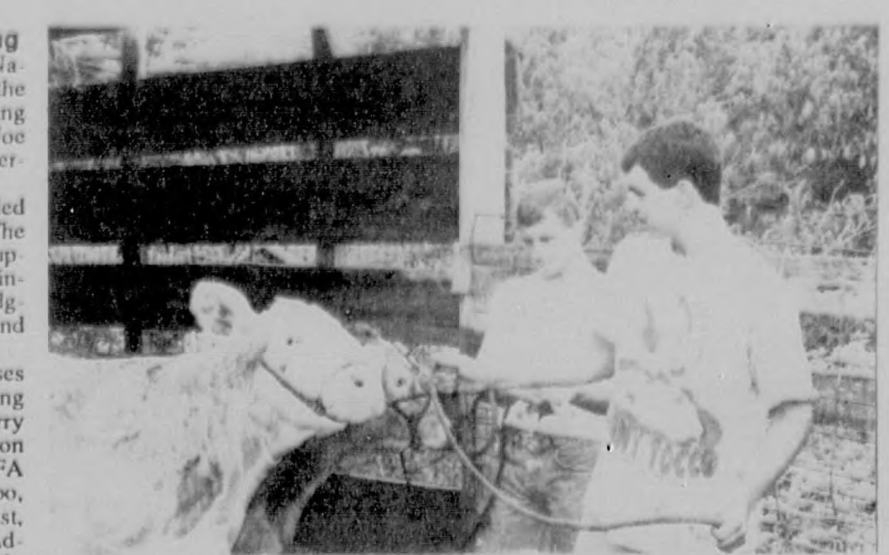
by Stacy Brooks & Sharon Young

The Zion Chapel Chapter of the National FFA met last Wednesday in the high school auditorium. The meeting was called to order by President Joe Canley and began with the opening ceremony.

The agenda for the meeting included discussion of old and new business. The first item of old business was the upcoming FFA contests. The contests include livestock, land and forestry judging, tractor driving, small engines, and public speaking.

The next item of business discussed was FFA week which was held during the week of February 20-25. Larry Sikes, vice president, led a discussion about the plans for FFA week. FFA week activities included a petting zoo, an official dress day, a teacher breakfast, and a tractor day. "The Leadership Advantage" was the theme for FFA week.

Tuesday was the day for the petting zoo. The animals in the petting zoo were two dairy calves, a baby goat, and two show steers. They were furnished by Kevin Hobbs and Thomas Canley. Wednesday, the members wore their FFA jackets and FFA t-shirts. Thursday was Teacher Appreciation Day and they were served breakfast before school. Friday, FFA



Pictured above are: Kevin Hobbs (left) and Thomas Canley.

members drove their tractors to school. Stacy Brooks, secretary, led a discussion in front of the school and to design a community service project to involve the community youth.

The meeting was adjourned by President Joe Canley.

ZC Elementary Has Annual Spelling Bee

by Lisa Hodges

The Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Montgomery Advertiser, is held at the local schools to determine the school winner. In Coffee County, the school winners then go to the Central Office to compete against the winners from the other schools within the Coffee County School System. Winners from Zion Chapel, Kinston, and New Brockton, will compete against each other. The winner at the county level will go to Montgomery to compete with winners from around the state.

The Spelling Bee was for fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students. Winners were selected from each homeroom. Fourth-grade winners were James Simmons, Shae Faulkner, and Russell Faircloth. Those from the fifth-grade were Kasey Rhodes, Laura Graham, Jessica Flowers, and Brandi McHaffey. Sixth-grade winners were Jonathan Senn, Annie Perry, Amelia Wallace, and Wesley Jacobs. The overall winner at Zion Chapel was Laura Graham. She will go on to compete against winners from Kinston and New Brockton.



Pictured above are (l-r): Seated - Jessica Flowers, Annie Perry, Laura Graham, Kasey Rhodes, and Amelia Wallace; Standing - Shae Faulkner, Brandi McHaffey, Wesley Jacobs, James Simmons, Jonathan Senn, and Russell Faircloth.

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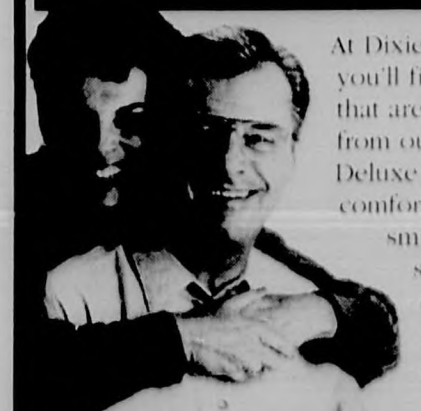
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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I helped Melanie with some of her homework the other night and after a while she began to understand the difference between a penny, nickel and dime, and even began to understand the value of the coins. We worked at buying different items on her worksheet using the different coins, and by the time we got through she was able to buy the items using the right coins. I was proud of myself and especially proud of Melanie for her quick learning, until I sat down and began to think. Now that she knows how to use real money, she may want to actually spend some!

ELBA FALLS SHORT AT SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

The Elba Tigers were eliminated in the opening round of the Class 3A Southeast Regionals last week by eventual Region champ Holtville, and despite the first round loss and the fact the Tigers ended the season with a 7-11 record, I feel Coach Danny Weeks and his team deserve a great deal of praise.

The Tigers were huge underdogs against the 24-6 Bulldogs, but played outstanding on defense throughout the game and defensively played well enough to win. Elba held Holtville to only 53 points and caused numerous turnovers with its relentless pressure on the ball. Elba's cat-quilt guards got after the Bulldogs players from the opening tip until the final horn and earned the respect of everyone in the gym. It was a different story on the offense; however, as the Tigers were intimidated by a couple of blocked shots early in the game and shot only twenty-five percent for the game. Elba missed countless shots inside against the taller Bulldogs, and missed many shots that were uncontested, simply because the players were looking for someone to come in and swat the shot out. It was a disappointing offensive showing for a Tiger team that had averaged 88 points a game in the Section tournament.

Summing up the entire year, it was a losing season on paper, but anything but a losing season on the court. Elba's schedule caused the team to get off to a slow start as the Tigers practiced three weeks before it played a single game, then played two games and had another three week break due to the holidays. Elba began to find itself in mid-January, and then proved it was a team to watch as the Tigers defeated Enterprise and battled Brantley to the wire. Success in sports can't always be judged by a team's win-loss record, sometimes it instead needs to be judged by the team's improvement over the course of a season. Using the second method of testing, I'd say the Tigers passed with flying colors and should be more than ready next season when they take the test again!

BRANTLEY MUST USE "ENERGIZER" BATTERIES

The famous Energizer Bunny has nothing on the Brantley Bulldogs basketball team, because as much as the pink bunny keeps on going, the green Bulldogs also never quit going, and proved that once again last week as the Bulldogs made the long trip to Bay Minette for the Southwest Regional and claimed wins over two of the state's top teams to earn a third straight trip to the State Tournament.

The Bulldogs struggled at times during the regular season and many fans wondered if Brantley had any chance at all in even making it back to the Final 4, much less winning the 2A title. They forgot that the losses came to quality opponents like 6A Dothan, 5A Greenville, 4A Pike County, 3A Aliceville and defending 2A champ J.F. Shields. The losses were simply lessons learned along the way for the Bulldogs, and last week the Bulldogs showed that they had learned those lessons well, as they won the Southwest Regional and earned a trip to the Final 4. With wins last week over 2A powers Washington County and J.F. Shields, the doubters have long since vanished and the Bulldogs are once again contenders to claim yet another state championship.

STATE'S FINAL ALIGNMENT NEEDS WORK

I think the Alabama High School Athletic Association made a mistake when it sold its soul to a group of Birmingham businessmen and let the group move the state tournament to Birmingham and totally change the format of the popular event. The tournament used to fill the huge Memorial Coliseum in Tuscaloosa back when all the boys' teams made their way to the state tourney, but I guess times do change, and when the AHSAA gets a big guarantee up front it makes little difference how many fans make the long trip up to North Alabama to watch the games.

That's not the purpose of this paragraph; however, since I want to go over the Final 4 brackets and complain about some of the times of the games in certain classes. Class 6A is the "big school" division in the state and used to cap off a big week of basketball at the state tournament, but in Birmingham, the 6A teams are just like the other teams and will play their semifinals on Thursday at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m., and play their finals on Saturday at 4:30. I've never really been a follower of 6A teams, but the big schools are the class of the state in athletics, and deserve a much better draw than the early games on Thursday and an afternoon final on Saturday. Years ago everyone stayed late to watch the 6A finals and there would be standing room only crowds at the game, but now the fact the 6A teams are playing means less than the finals in three of the girls' classes, which all start later than do the 6A boys' finals.

Birmingham has bought the 6A finals in football and now owns the state basketball tournament. I think it's time for the people at the AHSAA to realize that just because there are some folks in Birmingham with money, it doesn't mean that these folks know anything about sports. I think it's time for the Alabama High School Athletic Association to look in the mirror and take a good look at what is has become. The association needs to start concerning itself with what is best for the teams and fans, and not just look at the bottom line on the financial ledger!

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Sports

Tigers end season with 7-11 record

Elba eliminated at SE Regional



The Elba Tigers fell behind during a five-minute scoring drought in the first quarter and never caught up last Wednesday night as they fell to 11 Holtville Bulldogs 53-37, in the opening round of the Class 3A Southeast Regional, at Troy State.

The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 7-11, while Holtville improved to 25-6 with the win. Holtville jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the opening stanza, but the Tiger rallied and went on top 4-3 with 5:29 left in the quarter after two buckets by Alfred Purvis.

The Tigers combined a patient offense with an aggressive defense to hold the Bulldogs scoreless for over four minutes; however, Elba went over the minutes without a basket, and Holtville went on an 8-0 run late in the quarter and carried a 13-6 lead into the second period.

Elba matched Holtville bucket-for-bucket for much of the second quarter, only to see the Bulldogs take command late in the half and go in at intermission with a 26-16 lead.

Holtville began to take command in the third quarter and appeared to have the game well in hand as the Bulldogs opened up a 34-20 lead with 5:42 left in the stanza. Elba had different ideas; however, and sparked by the play of Michael Reed and an aggressive defense, the Tigers went on a 7-0 run to chop the deficit to 34-27 with 1:02 left on the clock!

Elba's defensive pressure all over the court completely shut down the usually high-powered Holtville offense and the Bulldogs failed to score a single point for the final 5:42 of the quarter.

The defense gave the Tigers a chance to cut into the deficit even more, but the Elba offense couldn't find the basket, and the Tigers scored only one point over the final 4:02 and still trailed 34-28 heading

into the fourth quarter. Holtville quickened the pace offensively to open the final stanza and outscored Elba 9-2 over a three-minute span to open up a big 43-30 lead with 5:08 left in the game.

The Tigers got as close as 43-34 with 4:25 left on the clock on a bucket by Leray Smedley; however, the Elba offense scored only three points the remainder of the game as the Bulldogs coasted in with the 53-37 win.

Elba, which hit only 16 of 62 field-goal attempts and 2 of 13 three-pointers tries, was led in scoring by Leray Smedley and Alfred Purvis with 10 points apiece. Edward Ezell scored 21 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead Holtville, while Reggie Marshall and Willie Ezell both added 11 points.

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E 6 10 12 9 - 37

Holtville (53): Marshall 11, Long 5, E. Ezell 21, E. Ellis 2, W. Ezell 11, Carrera 2, K. Ellis 2.

Elba (37): Smedley 10, Daniels 4, Purvis 10, Rowe 7, Tyson 2, Reed 4.

Purvis named All-Region

The coaches and members of the news media selected an "All-Region" team at the Southeast Regional Tournament, and included on the team was Elba's own Alfred Purvis.

Holtville's Willie Ezell was named the 3A Most Valuable Player, while other All-Region selections included Holtville's Edward Ezell and Travis Long, B.B. Comer's Donnie Wheeler and Chris Wheeler and Elba's Alfred Purvis.

Elba's Shandez Daniels (20) looks for an outlet after pulling down a rebound. The Tigers ended the season at 7-11 after a 53-37 loss to Holtville in the Southeast Regionals.

Wins crown at Southwest Regional

Brantley storms into 2A "Final 4"

The Brantley Bulldogs came into last week's Class 2A Southwest Regional Basketball Tournament as the new kids on the block, and despite having won two straight 1A state titles, got little respect from their opponents in the 2A ranks.

All that changed in a matter of three days; however, as the Bulldogs pounded Washington County 90-72 and knocked off defending 2A state champ J.F. Shields 51-48, to win the region and earn the right to advance to the Class 2A Final 4, in Birmingham.

Following are highlights of the two regional wins:

OPENING ROUND:

BRANTLEY

WASHINGTON CO. 72

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled

ahead in the second quarter and

then pulled away in the second half

to pound the Washington County

Bulldogs 90-72, in opening round

action.

Brantley improved its record to



A Brantley Bulldog is heading for the goal. The Bulldogs are in Birmingham this week looking for a third straight state title.

21-7 with the win, while Washington County ended its season at 18-4.

The 2A powers matched each other bucket-for-bucket throughout the opening stanza as Adrian Person sparked Brantley with 8 points to keep the Bulldogs even at 18-18.

Brantley's defense began to slow down the high-powered Washington County attack in the second stanza, and led by the scoring of Adrian Person and Eric Crenshaw, Brantley opened up a 37-29 advantage by the end of the half.

Washington County drained four three-pointers in the third quarter in an attempt to keep pace with Brantley, but the Bulldogs had plenty of fire-power of their own, and sparked by the scoring of Adrian Person and Jimmy Burnett, Brantley increased its lead to 60-51 heading into the fourth quarter!

Brantley picked up the pace on offense in the fourth quarter, and hit 12 of 17 free-throws down the stretch to hold on and claim the impressive 90-72 win.

The two rivals swapped baskets for much of the opening stanza as neither team could gain the upper hand, but J.F. Shields began to take control in the second quarter and went in at intermission with a 30-26 advantage.

Adrian Person scored 36 points to lead Brantley, while Eric Crenshaw added 20, Jimmy Burnett scored 15 and Chapelle Austin 11.

Randy Grimes scored 28 points to lead Washington County, while Terrell Hicks added 17.

FINALS:

BRANTLEY 51

J.F. SHIELDS 48

The Brantley Bulldogs used a

sticky man-to-man defense to spark

a furious fourth quarter rally Friday

afternoon as they defeated the J.F.

Shields Panthers 51-48, to win the

Class 2A Southwest Regional.

The win improved Brantley's

record to 22-7 and moved the Bul-

ldogs into the "Final 4," while J.F.

Shields, the defending 2A state

champions, saw their season close

with a 23-9 record.

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Adrian Person scored 14 points

to lead Brantley, while Eric Cren-

shaw added 13 and Jimmy Burnett

scored 10. LeBaron McBride led

Shields with 12 points.

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Social Notes

Miss Cox & Mr. Suever to be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, May 6th

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Cox of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Beverly, to David Frank Suever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Suever, Sr. of Atlanta, Georgia.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are the late Mr. and Mrs. C.A.F. Cox of Stoughton, Alabama, and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Mobley, Sr. of Shortsville, Alabama.

Miss Cox is a graduate of Elba High School, Elba, Alabama, and Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia where she earned a bachelor of arts degree. She also attended the University of Alabama where she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. She is self-employed as an interior designer.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Frank A. Suever and the late Mr. Frank A. Suever, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard E. Reddington, all of Delphos, Ohio.

Mr. Suever is a graduate of Saint Pius X Catholic High School and is presently attending Georgia State University majoring in business. He is employed as credit manager for TRC Staffing Services in Atlanta.

The wedding will take place at 2:00 p.m. on May 6th at Elba United Methodist Church.

All friends of the bride and groom are extended a cordial invitation.



Miss Beverly Cox

Piney Woods Arts Festival to be held April 23rd & 24th

Applications for artists wishing to show at the 21st annual Piney Woods Arts Festival and Quilt Show to be held Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23 are now being accepted.

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Parrish-Blair united in marriage on Saturday, December 16th

Delisa Dionne Blair and Stephen Ken Parrish were united in marriage on December 16, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in a traditional double ring ceremony. Westside Baptist Church was the setting for the candlelight ceremony officiated by the Reverend Tony Dye of Elba.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James H. Blair of Elba, Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Parrish of Enterprise, Alabama.

Presiding over the registry table was Mrs. Kimberly Panek of Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Art Williams, pianist of Elba, Alabama, and Christy Johnson, soloist, of Montgomery, Alabama.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted to the altar by her father, the bride chose a gown fashioned of white tulle, featuring a sash and a long train of sheer illusion. The long sleeves of satin and illusion, accented with beaded alencon lace, tapered to fitted points over the wrist. The fitted bodice was overlaid with alencon lace beaded with clusters of miniature pearls and iridescents. The back featured a signature bow of satin accented with beaded lace appliques. The full skirt was lavishly adorned with beaded appliques which also edged the hemline and cathedral length train. The veil was elbow length sheer illusion, attached to a tiara of re-embroidered lace sprinkled with pearls and iridescents.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, freesia, dendrobium orchids, stephanotis and Queen Anne's lace.

The entrance to the sanctuary was draped with garland and centered with a floral arrangement of matching white flowers. The baptismal held a large sunburst arrangement of white gladioli, larkspur, white fuchsia and daisies. A large candle tree, filled with white burning tapers and jade palms was placed on each side of the choir loft, as well as two identical sunburst floral arrangements.

The church rail was topped with jade palms and springer fern. A spiral candelabra banked with jade palms and springer fern was placed on each side of the piano and organ. The unity candle was accented with greenery and white flowers. The front door of the church held wreaths with white ribbons. Rails were adorned with garland and white bows.

Debbie Osburn of Andalusia, Alabama, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Melone Blair of Elba, Alabama, sister-in-law of the bride; Kim Watson, sister of the groom of Dothan, Alabama; Stacy Nunn of Elba, Alabama; and Shirley Bradley of Elba, Alabama; Lori Swindol of Troy, Alabama.

The bridesmaids wore long velvet gowns of deep burgundy with burgundy satin draped back into a bow. They carried cascading bouquets of white snapdragons and alstroemeria lilies with rubrum lilies.

Kaleigh Watson of Dothan, niece of the groom, served as flower girl. Kaleigh was dressed in burgundy velvet with a satin bow. She carried a basket of flowers to match the bridesmaids.

Mr. Ron Parrish served his son as best man. Groomsman were, Dean Blair, brother of the bride of Elba, Alabama; John Osburn, Jr., brother-in-law of the bride of Andalusia, Alabama; Jim Watson, brother-in-law of the groom of Dothan, Alabama; Dennis Herring of Enterprise, Alabama; and Dennis Snow of Chancellorsville, Virginia.

They were attired in formal black tuxedos. Their boutonnieres were of alstroemeria lilies.

Brian Blair, nephew of the bride, served as ringbearer. He carried a beautiful white pillow cross-stitched in burgundy and green and made by Melone Blair. Brian was dressed in a formal black tuxedo similar to the groomsman.

The mother of the bride wore a dress of royal blue. She wore a corsage of alstroemeria lilies.

The mother of the groom wore a green 2-piece with a brocade jacket. She wore a corsage of alstroemeria lilies.

The wedding was directed by Peggy Stroud of Elba.

Following the wedding, a reception, hosted by the bride's parents, was held in the activities building of the church. The front entrance was decorated with green wreaths and white bows. Large ferns were placed throughout the building.

The bride's table and the buffet table were decorated with white lace and accented with candles and floral arrangements. The cake was beautifully decorated with columns and a fountain which was surrounded by alstroemeria lilies.

The groom's table was beautifully decorated in burgundy with a beige overlay. The chocolate cake was adorned with cascading fruit.

Lattice, accented with greenery, provided a lovely backdrop for the tables. Guests tables were decorated with a white tablecloth and held burning burgundy tapers covered by globes and accented with ivy.

Servers were Kimberly Panek, Dina Smith, Christie Crook, Kim



Mrs. Stephen Ken Parrish

Tindol, Lori Marsh, and Julie Bowers.

The groom's parents hosted an after rehearsal dinner in the church social hall, which was decorated with burgundy candles and floral arrangements. The wedding party enjoyed a buffet barbecue catered by Kelly's Barbecue.

A Miscellaneous Shower was held on November 27, 1994, at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Kelley. Co-hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Barbara Hudson, Mrs. Shirley Henderson, Mrs. Mable Lee, Mrs. Sam Bradley, Mrs. Frances Bradshaw, Mrs. Ann Lawford, Mrs. Patsy Matthews, Mrs. Dolores Marsh, Mrs. Shirley Morrow, Mrs. Ramona Ross, Mrs. Vermette Maddox, Mrs. Jean Spurlin, and Mrs. Bertie Boland.

A Kitchen/Linen Shower was

held on December 3, 1994. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Laura Weeks, Mrs. Jan Murray, and Mrs. Lori Swindol.

A Lingerie Shower and Rice Bag Party was held on December 4, 1994. Hosting the event was Mrs. Martha Bowers and Miss Julie Bowers.

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More Socials

Mr. & Mrs. George Kennedy honored with 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. George Kennedy

Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at their home on Sunday, February 12, 1995, by their daughter Patricia Nicholson, her husband, Ronny, and their grandchildren, Kimbo and Renae. Others helping to make the Kennedy's reception a special occasion were her brother, Oscar Vaughan, Jr. and his wife, Betty, and Glen Vaughan and his wife, Hazel.

Ann Vaughan, Carol Kendrick, Vicki McGehee, and Allyson Morgan presided over the refreshment table.

Jean Helms, Pam Baker, Frances Brunson, Joan Hobbs, and Louise Nicholson, also assisted with the reception.

Renae Nicholson, the Kennedy's granddaughter, registered 225 guests during the reception hours.

EHS Band Day planned for April 8th

Elba Band Boosters are once again making plans for Band Day. Band Day 1995 is set for April 8 and will be held at Elba High School. Boosters are busy making preparations for a day filled with fun, games, and entertainment. Arts and crafts vendors are invited to join in the day and many beautiful and unique crafts are expected. This year, Band Boosters will return to the tradition of having a Band Day bar-b-que plate.

Bingo, cake walk, carnival games, and a dunking booth are also being planned. The day will conclude with an auction of many interesting items. Be sure to watch and listen for more information in *The Elba Clipper*, and on WZTJ.

Music Of The Night to be presented at Elba High School by Coffee County Arts Alliance

Music of the Night, the acclaimed musical production featuring songs of the evening, will be presented in Elba, Alabama at the Elba High School Auditorium on March 11, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Coffee County Arts Alliance. More than a revue, *Music of the Night* is an emotional journey through the shadows and into the light with a powerful message of love and hope that reaches across all generations to affect young and old alike.

Music of the Night brings together on stage three shining talents: Mac Frampton, Pamela Myers, and John Forrest Ferguson. Pianist Mac Frampton has performed over two thousand concerts worldwide in a career that spans over twenty years. With seventeen recordings to his credit, his virtuosity as a performer is matched by his skill as a musical

arranger. *Music of the Night* resonates with the stamp of his originality in arranging and orchestrating.

Pamela Myers has been thrilling audiences with her electrifying voice and magnetic presence since her Tony-nominated Broadway performance in Stephen Sondheim's *Company*. She has been a regular participant in national television series for many years and has starred in such productions as *Annie Get Your Gun* and *I Do! I Do!* all across America.

John Forrest Ferguson brings tremendous acting skills and an Irish tenor voice to this production. Mr. Ferguson is also a veteran of the stage, having toured his one-man show, *Rah The Rhymer*, internationally to great acclaim. Joined on stage by an instrumental ensemble of full percussion and keyboards, this trio of artists blends into a unified company that delivers a powerful message through its eclectic repertoire of song.

The songs of *Music of the Night* are a splendid mix of beauty, mystery, wit, humor, and passion. From the haunting beauty of the title song (*Music of the Night*, from *Phantom of the Opera*), which opens the show, through the mystical treatment of *Lost in the Stars*, and into such comfort standards as *McEncholy Baby* and *The Way You Look Tonight*, the songs tell a story of love discovered, love rejected, reconciliation, and ultimate fulfillment. *Moon River*, *Paper Moon*, *I Could Have Danced All Night*, *Clair de Lune*, *I Dreamed a Dream* (from *Les Misérables*), and *As Time Goes By* are a sampling of the songs of *Music of the Night*.

Music of the Night promises to bring to its audiences what very few contemporary revues can manage: an exciting and entertaining musical experience filled with great talent and wonderful music; and an emotional journey through love to acceptance.

Advance admission is \$12 adults and \$7 students. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 adults and \$10 students. Advance tickets are on sale at our usual outlets: Westgate Book and Gift, The Framery, and Plain 'N' Fancy, Enterprise, Fort Rucker.

Thank you for your support of the Coffee County Arts Alliance. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne L. Sawyer at (205) 347-1602 or at 45 Indigo Place, Enterprise, AL 36330.

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Dickert 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration held October 22nd



Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dickert

A large number of family and friends gathered at the Brundidge Country Club on Saturday night, October 22, 1994 for a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Mary Will and Jack Dickert.

The event was hosted by their children, Jill and Jack Pearson of Huntsville, Jackie and Bonnie Dickert of Andalusia, and niece, Vicki Dickert of Brundidge.

Grandchildren attending and assisting were Stacey Daugherty and husband, Jim, of Brewton, Jason Dickert of Auburn, and Joshua and Matthew Mills of Huntsville.

Also assisting with the decorating were cousins, Nedra and Frank Talbot of Brundidge, and friend, Wynona Patterson of Brundidge.

The club house was beautifully decorated both inside and out, and the food and drink tables were heavily laden. Music for listening and dancing was by Bob Strong of Graceville, Florida. Following a welcome by Jack Dickert, a special prayer was given by Rev. Jimmie Spikes. Approximately 100 guests attended the party.

Celebrating their 50th wedding year shared with a 17 day tour of Spain, Portugal, and North Africa in April, and a 15 day tour of four Hawaiian Islands in September.

Parents of Mary Will were Will and Ola Barnes, Kendrick of Elba. Parents of Jack were Charlie and Isie Marsh Dickert of Brundidge. Jack and Mary Will were married in the First Baptist Church in Elba on September 17, 1944.

1995 Great Strides Walk-A-Thon planned

The 7th annual Great Strides walk-a-thon will be held Sunday, May 21, 1995 in Birmingham, AL. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Great Strides is a 10K (6.2 mile) corporate walk held in different cities across the United States on the last day of each year. Participants collect donations for cystic fibrosis and enjoy an afternoon of exercising and

having a great time! Great Strides is a pre-collected event. All participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$60 in pre-paid donations which should be turned in on event day. Each participant collecting \$60 will receive a t-shirt. Other valuable prizes can be won based on the amount of money collected.

Cystic fibrosis is the number one genetic killer of children and young adults in America. Currently, there is not a cure for cystic fibrosis, however, research has been progressing at an astonishing rate, and leading scientists from around the world predict it will be the next disease cured since polio in the 1950s.

If you are interested in making a contribution, please call Patricia Miley at 897-6777. She will be collecting donations, and participating in this year's Great Strides. The money raised through events such as Great Strides goes to fund cystic fibrosis research.

For more information contact the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 1-800-523-2357.



Amelia Hobson

Amelia Hobson is three years old

Amelia Hobson celebrated her 3rd birthday on February 19 at her home in Montgomery, AL with friends and relatives. Amelia is the daughter of Rich and Sue Hobson of Montgomery, AL, and the granddaughter of Richard and Charlotte Hobson of Elba, AL, and Ed and Toby Cain of Enterprise, AL. She has a sister, Whitney, 6 1/2.

Hobson Roberts celebrates 4th birthday recently

Hobson Roberts was 4 on February 16, and celebrated his birthday with friends and relatives at a Batman theme party. Hobson is the son of Russ and Tate Roberts of Eclectic, AL; grandson of Richard and Charlotte Hobson of Elba, AL, and Connie Roberts of Eclectic, AL. Hobson has a sister, Tina, 2 1/2; and a sister, Mara, 1.

Easter Fabric Painting to be offered at ESJC

This Spring Enterprise State of Georgia has been completed. Participants should bring a pre-washed light colored sweatshirt, t-shirt, jacket, pillowcase, or any other item to be painted. This special workshop will teach painting techniques on various types of cloth surfaces. Participants will learn how to apply a design to a cloth surface, how to use proper paint and painting techniques, and how to correctly treat the cloth surface for durability after the project has been completed. Participants should bring a pre-washed light colored sweatshirt, t-shirt, jacket, pillowcase, or any other item to be painted. This special workshop will teach painting techniques on various types of cloth surfaces. Participants will learn how to apply a design to a cloth surface, how to use proper paint and painting techniques, and how to correctly treat the cloth surface for durability after the project has been completed.

American Cancer Society C.C. Chapter to meet March 7th

The American Cancer Society Coffee County Unit will hold their support group meeting Tuesday night, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church, 302 East Grubbs Ave., in Enterprise. This group meeting is for cancer patients, family and friends. Everyone is invited to attend.

Shiloh Diana Bradley completes degree work

University of South Alabama President Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon announced that Shiloh Diana Bradley completed degree work during the 1994 Fall Quarter. Bradley earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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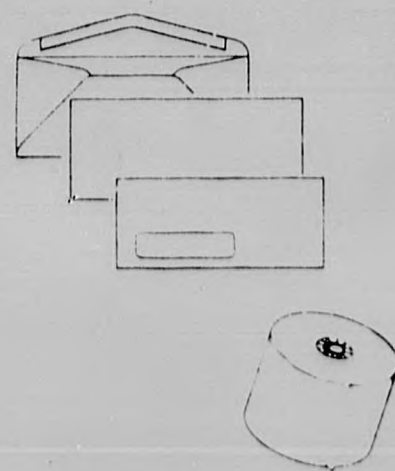
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YOUNG FARMERS MEET....Representing the Coffee County Farmers Federation's Young Farmers Committee at the 1995 Alabama Young Farmers Leadership Conference at Callaway Gardens, Ga. Feb. 3-5 were, from left, Richard Petcher, New Brockton; Joey and Pennie Powell, Enterprise; Johnny Watson, Elba; Vickie Wyrosdick, Elba; Amy Baker, Elba; Steven Bozeman, Elba; Kim and Scott Currington, Enterprise; and Lynn and Bobby Baker, Elba. The Young Farmers Program, sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation, is for farmers between the ages of 17 and 35 and is designed to help them develop leadership skills, stay informed on current issues impacting agriculture and become involved in the federation, which is the state's largest farm organization. During the conference, Mrs. Wyrosdick and her husband, Steve, not shown, were named the state's top young poultry producers. The Wyrosdicks now will compete with finalists from 10 other commodity divisions for the title as Alabama's 1995 Outstanding Young Farm Family, an award that will be presented in December. About 250 young farmers and their families attended this year's leadership conference.

Top Young Farmers named

Alabama Farmers Federation President Goodwin L. Myrick congratulates Vickie Wyrosdick of Coffee County on the announcement that she and her husband, Steve, had been judged winners in the poultry division of the federation's annual Outstanding Young Farm Family (OYFF) competition. The Wyrosdicks received the award February 4 during the 1995 Alabama Young Farmers Leadership Conference at Callaway Gardens, Ga. Wyrosdick, who has been a full-time farmer for five years, owns and operates his own poultry farm near Elba and also raises peanuts, oats, and beef cattle in a farming partnership with his father, Billy. As the state's top young poultry farmer, the Wyrosdicks now will compete against 10 other commodity division winners for Alabama's overall 1995 OYFF award, to be presented at the Alabama Farmers Federation's annual meeting in December. The federation's OYFF Program is designed to recognize farmers between 17 and 35 years of age who, along with their families, are excelling in farm, home and community activities and who are helping promote a better understanding of agriculture among the urban populace. The overall OYFF winner will receive a personal IBM computer and a year's use of a new Chevrolet truck. Mrs. Wyrosdick accepted the award on behalf of herself and her husband, who was unable to attend the awards banquet due to the death of a close family friend.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY...Pictured above is Alabama Farmers Federation President Goodwin L. Myrick presenting Vickie Wyrosdick with the Outstanding Young Farm Family Award.

Sandra Coffey-County Agent Coordinator

Getting enough milk in diet important

Getting Enough Milk In Your Diet

Many groups of people including teens, adults and older adults are not likely to get the recommended amounts of calcium in their diets. Many Coffee Countians do not get the recommended two to three servings of milk and milk foods a day. Children and adults need to be drinking skim milk. If you look at the calorie content of milk and compare its percentage from fat, whole milk is 48% fat and remember this fat is saturated and contains cholesterol. 2% milk (2% means by weight and not by calories) milk is 38% fat, 1% milk is 18% fat, and skim milk is less than 8% fat. Some skim milk now has no fat.

Milk is an extremely high quality food and really needs to be consumed by the general population. Skim milk has more calcium and more protein.

Word of Caution: Children under the age of 2 do need whole milk because of their rapid growth and cell division.

Milk is packed with nutrients important to good health. Calcium is needed for strong bones and teeth, but it also helps in muscle contraction, blood clotting and beating of the heart.

Milk also is a source of protein, which the body needs to build and maintain tissue and to regulate body processes among other uses.

Riboflavin found in milk helps cell oxygen to release energy from food. Many types of milk are also fortified with Vitamins A and D.

How can you boost your intake of milk and milk products? Include milk as a beverage. You can choose from whole, low-fat or skim milk, buttermilk or even chocolate milk.

Eat foods made from milk that have the same amount of calcium as one

cup of milk. You could choose any one of the following: 1 1/3 ounces of cheddar cheese; 2 cups of cottage cheese; 1 cup of yogurt; 2 ounces processed cheese food; 3/4 cup of macaroni and cheese or 1 1/2 cup of ice cream.

Use milk in cooking. One-third of a cup of dry milk flakes equal the calcium in a cup of fluid milk. Milk works well in many dishes including puddings, soups, sauces, casseroles, and breads.

You can get more current information on nutrition by contacting the County Extension Office. Ask of Nutri-Bites.

Recipes

When winter winds blow, nothing tastes better than a hot bowl of soup. The following recipes are super simple and many times teenagers and children can make these soups, especially the first recipe. Please note the serving size is for children. These would be excellent lunches for day care classes.

Quick & Easy Potato Soup
1 can chicken broth (20 oz.); 10 potato flakes, as needed.
Pour broth into a pot and bring to a boil. Stir in potato flakes until desired thickness is reached. Soup becomes too thick, add a little water. If it is too thin, stir in some more potato flakes.

Tomato Soup
4 cups tomato sauce; 1 teaspoon grated onion; 1/2 teaspoon salt; pinch of sweet basil; dash of thyme; 1/8 teaspoon pepper; 2 tablespoons butter; 2 to 3 tablespoons flour; 2 cups cold milk.

Pour tomato sauce and seasonings into a pot and simmer for 1/2 hour. Melt butter and add flour to make a paste. Add tomato sauce and seasoning mixture to the flour paste. Bring

to a boil, stirring constantly. While stirring the tomato mixture, pour in cold milk. Heat until warm enough to serve. Makes 12 1/2 cup servings. Serves 6 children, 3 to 6 years old, to fulfill the fruit/vegetable component at snack.

Hamburger Soup
2 medium onion, chopped; 6 stalks of celery, chopped; 4 cups water; 4 cups tomato sauce; 1 (28-ounce) can of whole tomatoes, chopped; 1 pound hamburger; pepper and garlic powder to taste.

Place onions and celery in a large pot and cover with water. Add tomato sauce and whole tomatoes. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer 3-4 hours. Brown hamburger in a frying pan. Season with pepper and garlic powder. Drain grease and add hamburger to soup. Sprinkle servings with shredded Swiss cheese, if desired. Makes 20 1/2 cup servings. Serves 10 children, ages 3 to 6, to fulfill the fruit/vegetable and meat components at snack.

Cream of the Crop Soup
2 celery sticks, chopped; 1 small onion, chopped; 6 cups chicken stock; 2 large potatoes, peeled and sliced thinly; 2 cups broccoli; pinch of dry thyme; 1 small bay leaf; 1/4 cup milk.

Combine all ingredients except milk. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally.

We never really feel older than other people but only different, to our advantage or disadvantage, in some particular; whereas we always do feel definitely younger than other people.

Stan Windham-County Agent

The Poultry Farmstead

There is no question that a poultry farm is an agribusiness and any business should project pride of ownership and look successful. A study at Auburn University involving 200 poultry farms showed that half were consistently in the top one third of all company growers and half were consistently in the bottom one third. Those having neat, well cared for farmsteads were always more profitable. A little extra care always paid off in better performance and better money.

There are several areas to be concerned with around a poultry operation, one of which is water control. Proper ditching around houses and planning for general farmstead water flow is necessary to prevent any accidents or damage to the poultry house to the flock. This same care should be given to waste water drainage into streams, ponds, or lakes.

Grass and weeds can also become a problem. Usually an area at least 50 feet around the house should be kept closely mowed to prevent any problems. Closely mowed and well cared for grass around poultry houses will reduce reflected heat from the sun in the summer. It also reduces rodent problems.

Trees and bushes can be attractive but low growing limbs should be pruned so as not to restrict air flow.

Waste disposal is always a problem to be contended with around poultry houses. The two most common waste problems are bird mortalities and litter. A dead bird compost disposal pit or other disposal areas should be well maintained to prevent any odor, excess flies or access by animals. Litter should be removed totally from the farmstead or stored in a litter pit or holding shed.

Roadways and loading areas should always remain accessible so that trucks can move freely in and out of the poultry farm.

Proper attention to the maintenance of the exterior of the house is equally important for the control of the interior environment. Check for any leaks or damage on a routine basis. Daily maintenance of any small problems can prevent large jobs from prevailing.

Feed bins are another area which should be checked on a regular basis. Make sure the bins are in good operating order and that they do not leak or have pest problems.

A well designed and maintained poultry facility not only projects a good image for the poultry grower, but in almost every case, will result in a more profitable business.

If you have any questions as to guidelines for proper siting of new poultry facilities or how to help old ones give us a call at 894-5596. He will be glad to help you out.

Richard Petcher-Associate County Agent

Think vertical when planting a garden

Think Vertical

Few home gardeners have unlimited space to commit their vegetable gardens. While planning your garden this winter, think about using some new ways to get the most from your space. There are a number of ways to get the most from your space, and growing plants vertically is an excellent way to conserve space in the garden.

Pole beans are probably the most common vertically-grown vegetables, but they're not the only plants suited to this method. Most any type of vining or sprawling plant can be grown vertically. Cucumbers, squashes, tomatoes, and melons are all good choices.

You can create a variety of structures to grow your vegetables along a vertical axis. It may be something as simple as a trellis made of bamboo poles to train cucumbers on, or it might be something more elaborate. You can drive two posts into the ground and connect the posts at both the top and bottom with wire. Then you can run vertical strands of string between the horizontal wires to create a trellis system. Cages made from concrete reinforcement wire help keep tomatoes upright and save garden space.

Make sure you know the growth habits of the plants you will be growing vertically. Some plants such as pole beans will entwine themselves on the support. Others like squash or cucumbers will have to be tied to their supports.

Plants grown vertically are more exposed and dry out more quickly. That means they may need to be watered more frequently. But this more rapid drying is an advantage in plants susceptible to fungus diseases.

Make sure the soil where your vertical vegetables will be planted is well prepared. If it's spread deeply and is well-drained, the vertical plants won't have to compete with other plants whose roots are in a shallower soil.

Take advantage of the shade created by vertically grown plants. Plant shade-tolerant vegetables such as carrots, radishes, beans, beets, and lettuce near your trellis or under your tepees. The shade-tolerant vegetables will thrive and you will be making the most of the space in your garden.

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Corn syrup has many industrial uses. It is used in dyeing, shoe polish, explosives, and as a plasticizing agent in adhesives. In addition, corn syrup has many food uses. It is used as a sweetener in catsup, chewing gum, frostings and icings, jams, jellies, preserves, canned fruits and fruit juices, marshmallows, candy bars, and soda pop. It is also used in frozen seafood, cheese spreads, ice cream, and condensed milk. Next time you see someone eating a candy bar or drinking a soda pop, ask them if they realize that corn syrup was used to sweeten that product, and did they know that we grow approximately 15,000 acres of corn in Coffee County. You might also mention that one bushel of corn produces enough corn syrup to sweeten 34 cans of soda pop.

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Elba 6th Grade Girl's 4-H Report

by Rhosand A. McKinnon, Reporter

Nineteen members of the Elba Elementary 6th grade 4-H club learned how to prevent food poisoning at the February meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Angela Hughes, our 4-H agent, said there are many ways that means they may need to be watered more frequently. But this more rapid drying is an advantage in plants susceptible to fungus diseases.

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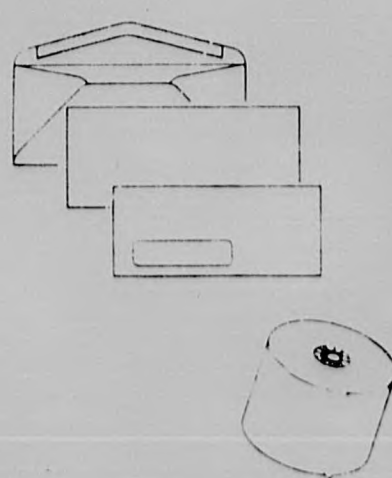
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YOUNG FARMERS MEET...Representing the Coffee County Farmers Federation's Young Farmers Committee at the 1995 Alabama Young Farmers Leadership Conference at Callaway Gardens, GA, Feb. 3-5 were, from left, Richard Petcher, New Brockton; Joey and Pennie Powell, Enterprise; Johnny Watson, Elba; Vickie Wyrosdick, Elba; Amy Baker, Elba; Steven Bozeman, Elba; Kim and Scott Currington, Enterprise; and Lynn and Bobby Baker, Elba. The Young Farmers Program, sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation, is for farmers between the ages of 17 and 35 and is designed to help them develop leadership skills, stay informed on current issues impacting agriculture and become involved in the federation, which is the state's largest farm organization. During the conference, Mrs. Wyrosdick and her husband, Steve, not shown, were named the state's top young poultry producers. The Wyrosdicks now will compete with finalists from 10 other commodity divisions for the title as Alabama's 1995 Outstanding Young Farm Family, an award that will be presented in December. About 250 young farmers and their families attended this year's leadership conference.

Top Young Farmers named

Alabama Farmers Federation President Goodwin L. Myrick congratulates Vickie Wyrosdick of Coffee County on the announcement that she and her husband, Steve, had been judged winners in the poultry division of the federation's annual Outstanding Young Farm Family (OYFF) competition. The Wyrosdicks received the award February 4 during the 1995 Alabama Young Farmers Leadership Conference at Callaway Gardens, Ga. Wyrosdick, who has been a full-time farmer for five years, owns and operates his own poultry farm near Elba and also raises peanuts, oats, and beef cattle in a farming partnership with his father, Billy. As the state's top young poultry farmers, the Wyrosdicks now will compete against 10 other commodity division winners for Alabama's overall 1995 OYFF award, to be presented at the Alabama Farmers Federation's annual meeting in December. The federation's OYFF Program is designed to recognize farmers between 17 and 35 years of age who, along with their families, are excelling in farm, home and community activities and who are helping promote a better understanding of agriculture among the urban populace. The overall OYFF winner will receive a personal IBM computer and a year's use of a new Chevrolet truck. Mrs. Wyrosdick accepted the award on behalf of herself and her husband, who was unable to attend the awards banquet due to the death of a close family friend.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY...Pictured above is Alabama Farmers Federation President Goodwin L. Myrick presenting Vickie Wyrosdick with the Outstanding Young Farm Family Award.

Sandra Coffey-County Agent Coordinator

Getting enough milk in diet important

Getting Enough Milk In Your Diet

Many groups of people including teens, adults and older adults are not likely to get the recommended amounts of calcium in their diets. Many Coffee Countians do not get the recommended two to three servings of milk and milk foods a day. Children and adults need to be drinking skim milk. If you look at the calorie content of milk and compare its percentage from fat, whole milk is 48% fat and remember this fat is saturated and contains cholesterol. 2% milk (2% means by weight and not by calories) milk is 38% fat, 1% milk is 18% fat, and skim milk is less than 8% fat. Some skim milk now has no fat.

Milk is an extremely high quality food and really needs to be consumed by the general population. Skim milk has more calcium and more protein.

Word of Caution: Children under the age of 2 do not need whole milk because of their rapid growth and cell division.

Milk is packed with nutrients important to good health. Calcium is needed for strong bones and teeth, but it also helps in muscle contraction, blood clotting and beating of the heart.

Milk also is a source of protein, which the body needs to build and maintain tissue and to regulate body processes among other uses.

Riboflavin found in milk helps cell oxygen to release energy from food. Many types of milk are also fortified with Vitamins A and D.

How can you boost your intake of milk and milk products? Include milk as a beverage. You can choose from whole, low-fat or skim milk, buttermilk or even chocolate milk. Eat foods made from milk that have the same amount of calcium as one

cup of milk. You could choose any one of the following: 1 1/3 ounces of cheddar cheese; 2 cups of cottage cheese; 1 cup of yogurt; 2 ounces processed cheese food; 3/4 cup of macaroni and cheese or 1 1/2 cup of ice cream.

Use milk in cooking. One-third of a cup of dry milk flakes equal the calcium in a cup of fluid milk. Milk works well in many dishes including puddings, soups, sauces, casseroles, and breads.

You can get more current information on nutrition by contacting the County Extension Office. Ask of Nutri-Bites.

Recipes

When winter winds blow, nothing tastes better than a hot bowl of soup. The following recipes are super simple and many times teenagers and children can make these soups, especially the first recipe. Please note the serving size is for children. These would be excellent lunches for daycare classes.

Quick & Easy Potato Soup
1 can chicken broth (20 oz.); 2 potato flakes, as needed.

Pour broth into a pot and bring to a boil. Stir in potato flakes until desired thickness is reached. Soup becomes too thick, add a little water. If it is too thin, stir in some more potato flakes.

Tomato Soup
4 cups tomato sauce; 1 teaspoon grated onion; 1/2 teaspoon salt; pinch of sweet basil; dash of thyme; 1/8 teaspoon pepper; 2 tablespoons butter; 2 to 3 tablespoons flour; 2 cups cold milk.

Pour tomato sauce and seasonings into a pot and simmer for 1/2 hour. Melt butter and add flour to make a paste. Add tomato sauce and seasoning mixture to the flour paste. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. While stirring the tomato mixture, pour in cold milk. Heat until warm enough to serve. Makes 12 1/2 cup servings. Serves 6 children, 3 to 6 years old, to fulfill the fruit/vegetable component at snack.

Hamburger Soup
2 medium onion, chopped; 6 stalks of celery, chopped; 4 cups water; 4 cups tomato sauce; 1 (28-ounce) can of whole tomatoes, chopped; 1 pound hamburger; pepper and garlic powder to taste.

Place onions and celery in a large pot and cover with water. Add tomato sauce and whole tomatoes. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer 3-4 hours. Brown hamburger in a frying pan. Season with pepper and garlic powder. Drain grease and add hamburger to soup. Sprinkle servings with shredded Swiss cheese, if desired. Makes 20 1/2 cup servings. Serves 10 children, ages 3 to 6, to fulfill the fruit/vegetable and meat components at snack.

Cream of the Crop Soup
2 celery sticks, chopped; 1 small onion, chopped; 6 cups chicken stock; 2 large potatoes, peeled and sliced thinly; 2 cups broccoli; pinch of dry thyme; 1 small bay leaf; 1/4 cup milk.

Combine all ingredients except milk in large pot. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally.

Stan Windham-County Agent

The Poultry Farmstead

There is no question that a poultry farm is an agribusiness and any business should project pride of ownership and look successful. A study at Auburn University involving 200 poultry farms showed that half were consistently in the top one third of all company growers and half were consistently in the bottom one third. Those having neat, well cared for farmsteads were always more profitable. A little extra care always paid off in better performance and better money.

There are several areas to be concerned with around a poultry operation, one of which is water control. Proper ditching around houses and planning for general farmstead water flow is necessary to prevent any accidental flooding and perhaps damage to the flock. This same care should be given to waste water drainage into streams, ponds, or lakes.

Grass and weeds can also become a problem. Usually an area at least 50 feet around the house should be kept closely mowed to prevent any problems. Closely mowed and well cared for grass around poultry houses will reduce reflected heat from the sun in the summer. It also reduces rodent problems.

Trees and bushes can be attractive but low growing limbs should be pruned so as not to restrict air flow. Waste disposal is always a problem to be contended with around poultry houses. The two most common waste problems are bird mortalities and litter. A dead bird compost disposal pit or other disposal areas should be well maintained to prevent any odor, excess flies or access by animals. Litter should be removed totally from the farmstead or stored in a litter pit or holding shed. Roadways and loading areas should always remain accessible so that trucks can move freely in and out of the poultry farm.

Angela Hughes County Agent

Food Facts

Grains-Important Part of Healthy Diet

Grain foods are both low in fat and high in carbohydrates, and they're an essential part of all children's diets. Children need 6 to 11 servings every day to get the long-term energy they need to get through the day. But how do parents get children to eat food that's good for them?

The key is to make it fun. Put a different spin on cereals, pasta, breads and crackers.

Here are a couple of ideas to get you started. Instead of spaghetti, try pastas in different shapes, sizes and colors. Combine any pasta with a tangy, low-fat sauce for a hot and healthy dish.

Make your own crunch-and-munch yogurt. Sprinkle your child's favorite flavor of fruit yogurt with cereal or granola toppings.

For fun snacks featuring grains, set out low-fat spreads and toppings and a selection of crackers. Let your children build their own triple-decker cracker stacks for a nutritious after-school snack.

Get younger children's attention by using cookie cutters to make fun-shaped sandwiches. Keep plenty of low-fat fillings in the pantry and refrigerator and let your children make their own creations. Sneak in additional nutrients by giving them cut-up fruits and vegetables to use as decorations.

If your children like chips with dip, avoid high-fat chips and try pita bread. Slice the pita bread into wedges and serve with a healthy dip such as salsa. Toast the pita first and you'll have a chip-like snack that your children will love.

Okay Snacks

Do you find yourself snacking between meals or when sitting in front of the TV? If you are a snack-eater, here are a few snacks from Dr. Evelyn Crayton, Extension food and nutrition specialist, that are okay: fruit juices, drinks, punches; like sherbet, sorbet, fruit ice, ice milk, frozen yogurt; flavored low-fat yogurt plain or with fruit; animal crackers, graham crackers, ginger-snaps, fig bar cookies, homemade cookies, cakes, muffins, pudding made with less saturated fat and cholesterol; angel food cake; gelatin; canned, fresh or dried fruit; vegetable sticks; air-popped popcorn; pretzels; peanut butter in celery sticks.

We never really feel older than other people but only different, to our advantage or disadvantage, in some particular; whereas we always do feel definitely younger than other people.

—J.B. Priestley

Proper attention to the maintenance of the exterior of the house is important for appearance but is equally important for the control of the interior environment. Check for any leaks or damage on a routine basis. Daily maintenance of any small problems can prevent large jobs from prevailing.

Feed bins are another area which should be checked on a regular basis. Make sure the bins are in good operating order and that they do not leak or have pest problems.

A well designed and maintained poultry facility not only projects a good image for the poultry grower, but in almost every case, will result in a more profitable business.

If you have any questions as to guidelines for proper siting of new poultry facilities or how to help old ones give us a call at 894-5596. He sis. Make sure the bins are in good operating order and that they do not leak or have pest problems.

Richard Petcher-Associate County Agent

Think vertical when planting a garden

oil. Corn syrup has many industrial uses. It is used in dyes, inks, shoe polish, explosives, and as a plasticizing agent in adhesives. In addition, corn syrup has many food uses. It is used as a sweetener in catsup, chewing gum, frostings and icings, jams, jellies, preserves, canned fruits and fruit juices, marshmallows, candy bars, and soda pop. It is also used in frozen seafood, cheese spreads, ice cream, and condensed milk. Next time you see someone eating a candy bar or drinking a soda pop, ask them if they realize that corn syrup was used to sweeten that product, and did they know that we grow approximately 15,000 acres of corn in Coffee County. You might also mention that one bushel of corn produces enough corn syrup to sweeten 324 cans of soda pop.

Corn seed germinates when the soil temperature reaches 51 degrees F at 2 inches soil depth. That condition is usually reached between March 1 and March 10 or 15 here in Coffee County.

Elba 6th Grade Girl's 4-H Report

by Rhosand A. McKinnon, Reporter
Nineteen members of the Elba 6th grade 4-H club met at the February meeting on Thursday, Feb. 2, 1995. Angela Hughes, 4-H agent, said there are many ways to prevent food poisoning: 1) cook food more frequently. But this more very well; 2) do foods correctly; 3) avoid drying, an advantage in don't leave them out. She also reminded the group that corn syrup was used to sweeten that product, and did they know that we grow approximately 15,000 acres of corn in Coffee County. You might also mention that one bushel of corn produces enough corn syrup to sweeten 324 cans of soda pop.

Make sure you know the growth habits of the plants you will be growing vertically. Some plants such as pole beans will entwine themselves on the support. Others like squash or cucumbers will have to be trained to grow vertically. Cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, and melons are all good choices. You can create a variety of structures to grow your vegetables along a vertical axis. It may be something as simple as a trellis made of bamboo poles to train cucumbers on, or it might be something more elaborate. You can drive two posts into the ground and connect the posts at both the top and bottom with wire. Then you can run vertical strands of string between the horizontal wires to create a trellis system. Cages made from concrete reinforcement wire help keep tomatoes upright and save garden space.

Corn Planting Time Is Right Around The Corner In Coffee County

Fifteen thousand acres of corn will be planted in Coffee County during the end of February, March and April. Most of this corn is grown for on-farm livestock feed. However, some of it is sold to ConAgra and Southland Broilers for chicken feed, and some of it is sold to corn buying points in neighboring counties.

ConAgra is probably the number one buyer of corn in Coffee County. ConAgra uses somewhere between 6 to 8 million pounds of corn per week. That is 142,857 bushels of corn, 160 tractor trailer loads per week or 23 trailer loads per day.

Aside from livestock feed, have you ever wondered what else is made from the corn we grow? Just for starters, one bushel of corn weighing 56 pounds (approximately 72,800 kernels) yields 31.5 pounds of corn starch, 33 pounds of 60% gluten meal, and 1.5 pounds of corn oil.

Donna DeBoer represented Coffee County in the Alabama Sr. High Beef Cook-Off Saturday, February 4. The competition was held in Montgomery at the Alabama Cattleman's Building and allowed Donna to compete with 32 other county winners for over \$1,200 in cash prizes. She prepared "Beef 'N Biscuits" which featured ground beef as the main ingredient.

Donna also participated in a tour of Alabama's newly renovated Capitol. The Sr. High School Beef Cook-Off is one of numerous educational activities that the Alabama beef industry supports each year.

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representative of ISS, probably within the next few weeks.

The combined adjustments between the City of Elba and ISS will increase the total monthly payment to ISS.

Presently Elba is paying \$17,716.28 per month to ISS for garbage pick-up of commercial and residential garbage. That includes \$932 rental on several of the above mentioned dumpsters.

That rental fee will stop but ad-

justments in pick-up charges in increase by \$1,768.62.

The net increase to the City will be \$836.62 per month, bring the total cost to \$18,552.90 per month or an annual pick-up cost of \$222,634.80.

Additionally Elba pays directly to Coffee County for the landfill dumping charge. This is figured on a per ton basis and varies according to the volume of garbage weighed in each month.

Adjustments will be made later on the charges being assessed to the small commercial customers who use the 90 gallon green garbage cans.

Haywood has said throughout the ordeal he wanted to make the charges fair to all users, but at a break even basis for the city. He pointed out that users of the small green containers are presently paying from \$18.00 to \$65.00 per month.

Elba Elementary School Conduct Honor Roll announced

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3RD SIX WEEKS CONDUCT HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Becky Stinson, Ben Coppage, Derrick Cook, Victoria Brooks, Rae Walker, Bradley Marler, Brandy Kelley, Brittany Hudson, Hunter White, Amanda Campbell, Ashley Walden, Chase Boutwell, Casey Medlock, Gale Olson, Edmond Roberts, Janae Wilson, Josh Parrish, Cate Crocker, William Carpenter, Michael Belcher, Amanda Henderson, Lamar Ware, Jakori Belcher, Brandon Harbuck, Tiffany Henderson, Kayla Kelley, Shea Manning, Andrew Parham, Drew Parker, Amanda Pope, Alexa Puckett, Nicole Purvis, Jennifer Reeves, Dustin Rhoades, Justin Watkins, Tyler Chartier, Brandon Speed, Tasha Reed, Mason Guile, Wanda Dean, Amber Pike, Emily Bradshaw, LaRay Williams, Matthew Snell, Shawnda Whitfield, Arrian Bowers, Stephanie Bayley, Corie Lamb, Brian Dyer, Timothy Jackson, Todd Kelley, Crystal Cooper, Cassandra Flowers, Tessa Lee, Kasi McDonald, Stacey Mitchell, Summer Stricklin, Ashley Waddell, Rob Allen, Ashley Carnley, Steven Edwards, Chase Graham, Lisa Hill, Kayla Homyak, Whitney Lawford, Amanda Mauldin, Elena McCormick, Stetson Petty, Dorothy Richardson, Reynard Rogers, Alan Willis, Shawanna Wright, Trey Grantham, Dustin Turner.

Second Grade

Mallory Allen, Kaleb Dyess, Heather Knight, Ashley Shelton, Tony Conley, Quran Warren, Sara Newsum, Clark Skinner, Whitney Thompson, Ryan Gibbs, Matt Beckworth, Kristin Barnes, Alan Maddox, Aaron Harrelson, Shurrel Griffin, Brandon Kelley, Lyndsay Lawford, Alison Smith, Reese Stricklin, Lance Suley, Justin Williams, Eric Bludsworth, Cassy Cooper, Christina Curry, Mary Mauldin, Taylor McGuire, Amber Moody, Yalonda Reynolds, Doug Turnbull, Chad Williams, Marissa Williams, Trent Baker, Jennifer Grissett, Kawana Johnson, Eric Bludsworth, Rashad Robinson, Kristi Spinks, Ted Caldwell, Ryan Craighead, Ashley Gibson, Autumn Parker, Rusty Smith, Marquize Tyson, Anna Harrison, Stefann Burks, Laquitha Lockett.

Third Grade

Garret Bowers, Colby Capps, Ashley Chandler, Matthew Curran, Jamey Greck, Shantel Griffin, Shaunna Hammonds, Mary Katherine Head, Kimmy Hill, Amanda Richardson, Leanna Suley, Eric Wambles, Shane Williams, Lee Boutwell, Natasha Brooks, Katie Dyess, Destina Gray, Jessica Moultrie, LeeAnn Pridgen, Jasmine Roberts, Curtis Rushing, Derrick Thomas, Grace Suley, Rachel Suley, Roneen Copes, Chad Wallace, Molly Reeves, Shonda Morris, Ralston Moore, Hannah Martin, Ricky Marler, Jonathan Johnson, Christy Eubanks, Benjamin Dye, Michelle Carpenter, Lacey Carlile, Blake Brunson, Alex Lance Cross, Neal Pouncey, Dusty Watson, Brandi Phillips.

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Brigadier General Joel W. Norman visits Elba Army National Guard Unit

BG Joel W. Norman, Commander of the 31st Separate Armor Brigade, Road, may contact the full-time supported members of the Elba port personnel, SSG John Lester or SSG Buddy Metcalf, by telephoning 897-2914. The unit's full-time recruiter SFC Howard Wood, works out of the Opp Army, and may be contacted by telephoning 334-493-6305.

General Norman has a personal interest in the Elba unit, as he started his military career with the unit, as an enlisted member on February 18, 1957. General Norman returned to the unit as Commander for the period of June 1972 to October 1976, and then took command of the unit's Battalion Headquarters, located in Auburn from May 1983 to October 1987. General Norman currently commands the 31st Separate Armor Brigade located in Northport, Alabama.

General Norman challenged each member of the unit to recruit new members. He pledged his support to the unit and his desire to see the unit above 100% of its authorized strength. Anyone interested in the

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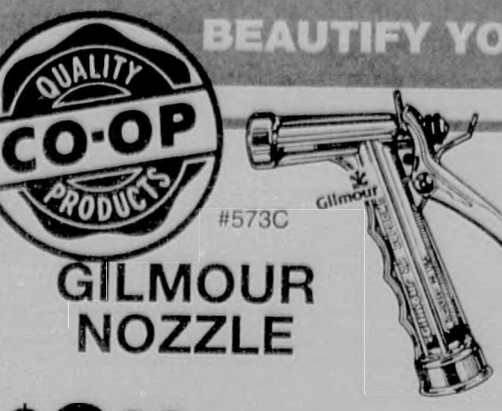
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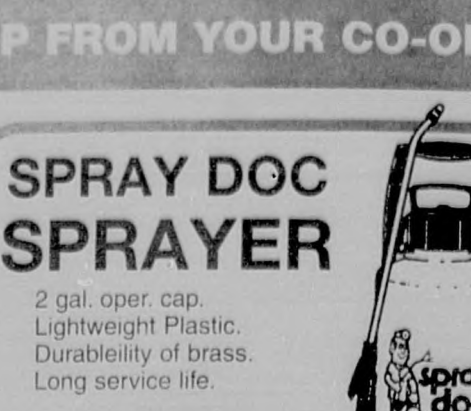
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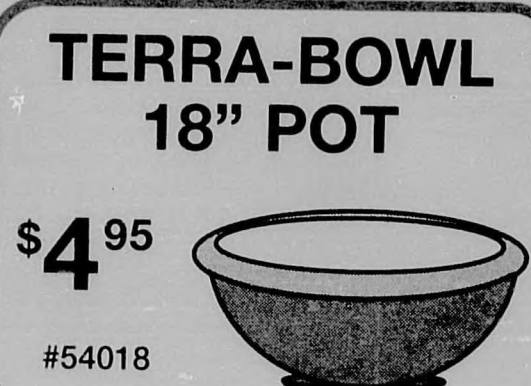
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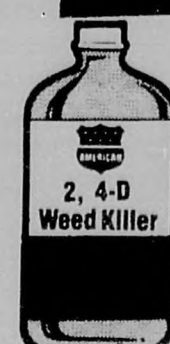
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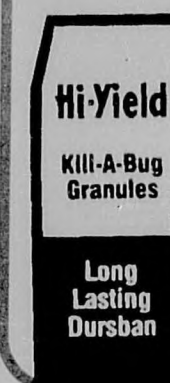
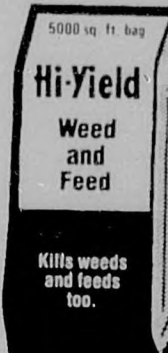


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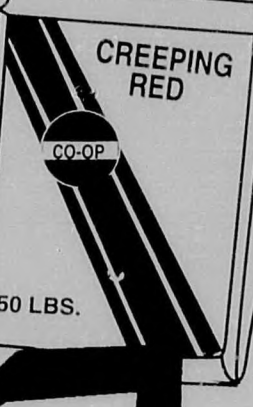
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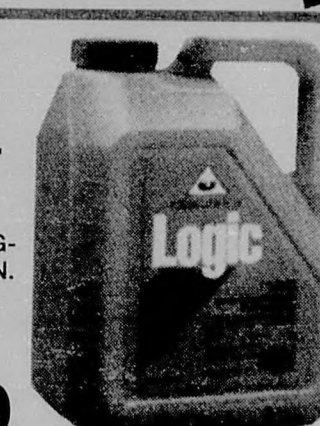
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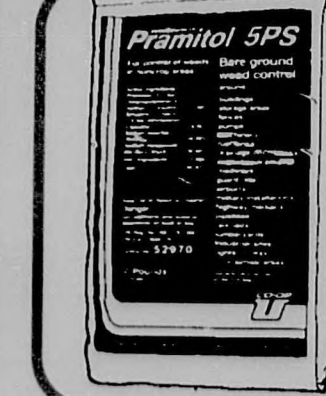


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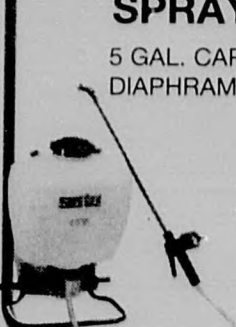
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Auditors report New Brockton in good shape

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The agenda for the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council was short on items, but long on discussion.

Monday evening's meeting got off on a good note when auditors in good shape," said Bruce Keel.

"We found the books and records in good shape," said Bruce Keel, who is with the accounting firm of Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson, & Bowden.

He gave the members of the council a brief overview of the rather extensive audit report.

"They were told that their cash on hand had increased a little over \$15,000 this year over last year; revenue was up approximately \$38,000 excluding funds received through grants received; and the water board increased its revenue by approximately \$14,000."

Keel also noted that the fire department had an increase in revenue of \$3,900.

"Overall you've had a good year, records are in good shape, Linda [Linda Dillow - city clerk] is doing a

good job, and I think you'll be doing a good job managing with what you've got," said Keel.

"New Brockton is not a very big city, your revenue is limited and you all know that. You're keeping on it and I applaud you."

With their thoughts still on finances, the council heard a presentation from James Meads representing Pash & Company, Inc. The firm offers revenue enhancement services.

Meads proposed that the town could speed up its sales tax collection by doing it themselves or by using a private firm which provides this type service. His firm offers this service.

Presently, the town's sales tax is collected by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Council members were told that by using a firm such as his or by doing it themselves, the town would not only speed up the collection process but would probably increase their revenue.

The company's charge for providing this service is a percentage of the sales tax revenue collected.

"This gives us the incentive to get out and find additional revenue,"

said Meads.

The council was told that not only town merchants are required, by state law, to buy privilege license

would notify businesses located in town delivering goods into the town are to do the same.

Meads said that his company, with the use of the "yellow pages," would notify businesses located in Enterprise, Elba and neighboring towns of this requirement. If they are not presently complying with state law, they would be required to do so.

Pash, according to Meads, is presently collecting sales tax revenue for 34% of the towns and cities in the state of Alabama. Several other municipalities are using the company's computer software to collect their own sales tax.

Area towns already using, or about to start using, the company's service are: Daleville, Ozark, and Andalusia.

The council voted to contract with the firm to collect the town's sales tax. Meads told the council that it would take about six weeks to get everything set up and begin collecting taxes.

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Elba jury finds Grantham not guilty

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

After deliberating for less than two hours, the jury found Grady "Butter" Grantham not guilty of assault in the first degree.

Grantham's trial began Monday afternoon and testimony, both prosecution and defense, was completed at the close of the day.

The jury returned Tuesday morning to begin its deliberation.

Grantham, age 49, of Elba, AL was arrested and charged on September 2, 1994.

His arrest came as a result of an incident in which Chris Danley, age 22, of Elba was stabbed in the left arm.

Danley was stabbed during an argument and fight which occurred on August 31 at a residence located on Teresa Street in Elba.

As a result of his injury, Danley has lost use of his left arm of which he may or may not regain.

Of the nine cases listed on the March 6th Criminal Jury Docket for Coffee County - Elba Division, Grantham's was the only one that

went to trial. The remaining eight cases were either continued or the defendants pled guilty prior to the trial date.

The following cases and their results are as follows:

State of Alabama vs. Kelley Jerome Carney

Carney was charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree. He pled guilty, but has not been sentenced at this time.

Continuances were granted in the following cases:

State of Alabama vs. Spencer Owen Ziglar

Ziglar is charged with manslaughter. The case is on appeal before the Alabama Supreme Court.

State of Alabama vs. William "Bill" Waldon

Waldon is charged with two offenses of sodomy in the first degree and two offenses of sodomy in the second degree.

State of Alabama vs. Smith Marshall

Marshall is charged with unlawful possession/receipt of cocaine; certain persons forbidden to possess a pistol; and possession of marijuana.

State of Alabama vs. Willie Earl Lawrence

Lawrence is to be tried on one count of unlawful possession or receipt of cocaine.

State of Alabama vs. Charly Timm

Timm is charged with harassment. The disposition was not known in the case of:

State of Alabama vs. Chad Houston

Houston was charged with burglary in the first degree.

An alias warrant has been issued and bond received in the case of:

State of Alabama vs. Wayne Stewart

Stewart is charged with unlawful possession of cocaine.

District Attorney & Investigator being sued

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney Joel Folmar and his chief investigator, Bruce DeVane, are facing a \$250,000.00 lawsuit.

A former employee, Toni Dubisair Dewberry, 34, filed the suit in federal court on February 17.

Dewberry served in the DA's office as child support coordinator for Coffee County from October 1990 until her dismissal.

She claims that Folmar and DeVane fired her on October 26, 1993 after learning that she was pregnant,

unmarried and had no immediate plans to marry.

She is asking for compensatory damages plus lost wages, court cost and attorney's fees.

According to reports, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), after reviewing the incident, found no wrong doing in the termination and no violation of the discrimination statute; however, the EEOC did issue Mrs. Dewberry a

Notification of a Right to Sue.

Sometime after she was fired, Mrs. Dewberry married the father of her child.

An Enterprise attorney, Rick Hollingsworth is representing Mrs. Dewberry in her lawsuit. She is employed as a paralegal by Hollingsworth.

Folmar and DeVane had until yesterday, Wednesday, March 8, to answer the lawsuit.

Local National Guard unit always on stand-by

With the rising waters of the Pea River, and potential for more rain appearing imminent, the Elba Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard, monitors the situation and takes preliminary steps to be ready if needed.

February 17 was just another normal Friday morning at work in the Elba Armory for SSG Buddy Metcalf and SSG John Lester, the full-time support staff for the unit. The telephone rings shortly before 11:00 a.m., CPT Kim T. Russell, Administrative Officer and full-time supervisor of the 1st Battalion (155MM SP) 17th Field Artillery's full-time personnel, wants an update on the current status of the Pea River, and instructs SSG Metcalf to make a visual check of the low-lying areas around the city. Rain, a lot of rain, was imminent and the forecast was predicting possible flash-flood conditions.

No one was in trouble, not a home threatened, but CPT Russell and SSG Metcalf knew what possibilities existed, and the urgency of being prepared for the worst was their primary concern. SSG Metcalf immediately requested updated information from the Elba Police Department, completed a visual check, and then stopped by the Police Department to ensure the Chief that the Elba unit would be ready if necessary. After returning to the armory, Mayor Haywood was contacted to ensure he had the emergency phone numbers of State Headquarters, and to assure him the Guard would be ready.

No not this time! The heavens gave relief, the rain stopped, and the rising waters slowed, having reached a crest of 22.40 feet. We were spared the devastation of yet another flood. Unit members could enjoy the weekend, rather than wade in the waters of the Pea River. But have no doubt, members of your guard unit were watching and waiting, always ready and at a moments notice the Elba Army National Guard could be called upon.

Local landfill poses no threat of pollution

by Tonika Kiel
The University of Alabama
Public Affairs Reporting Class

(Editor's Note: Tonika Kiel, of Mobile, is a senior at the University of Alabama. She is studying toward a double major in Journalism and English. After graduation, her plans are to attend law school and specialize in media law. As part of the Public Affairs Reporting Class, students travel to the state capital and cover actual stories. They do the background research and personal interviews for participating Alabama Press Association member newspapers. The Elba Clipper is fortunate to have this student covering timely subjects for interested readers.)

The new Subtitle D landfill does not pose a threat of pollution for

Coffee County residents, according to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

ADEM works through the federal government to ensure that the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency are met and maintained on a state level.

The Coffee County Subtitle D landfill is built according to the newest federal requirements released in 1993. The new guidelines include everything from an increase in the number of ground water monitoring wells to over 60 safety tests performed regularly.

Chief of the Solid Waste Land Division, Russell Kelly, is confident

that any threat of pollution from the Subtitle D landfill is highly improbable because of technological advances in landfill construction.

"If there is ever a leak in a landfill it will be detected in a ground water monitoring well and immediately taken care of," Kelly said.

According to Coffee County Landfill Manager Phillip Kelley, the residents of Coffee County have nothing to fear from the landfill.

"The chance of ground water contamination is slim to none," Phillip Kelley said. "It's about as safe as you can get and nothing will go wrong as long as we continue to maintain it like we have."

Because of the stringent federal requirements and new technologies, ADEM's Kelly is still surprised by the number of people who have knee-jerk reactions of fear to the news of landfills.

"Before 1988 landfill liners were not even used," Russell Kelly said. "Today's liner system is much more advanced and people are still concerned."

The process for opening a landfill is very meticulous. According to state law, before ADEM is even allowed to review a request for the building of a landfill it must first have local approval. ADEM then becomes part of every level of decision making on technical issues such as ground water flow, topography, possibility of sink holes and design.

Coffee County's landfill is built with two feet of clay and a composite liner, a minimum five feet separation between the liner and the ground water and there is a minimum 30-year period to monitor closed facilities.

Elba BOE names Danny Weeks as assistant principal at E.H.S.

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

In a short special meeting last Thursday evening, the Elba City School Board named former basketball coach Danny Weeks as assistant principal of Elba High School.

There were several applications for the position, but Weeks was the only applicant from within the local system, said Superintendent Charles Pearce.

He fills the vacancy created when David Stokes was moved up to the basketball coach position which will be filled, Pearce said the vacancy will be advertised statewide to insure all interested applicants are aware of

the opening.

The mid-year move in the administration was due to the medical retirement of High School Principal Charles Clark.

Weeks, who lives in the Lowery community, is completing his third year in the Elba School system.

In recommending Weeks, Pearce said he is qualified, certified and has administration experience. He added that during his tenure at Elba High School, Mr. Weeks has demonstrated an ability and desire to work with the students and other staff members to enhance the educational atmosphere throughout the school system. He also observed that Weeks is often still at the school working with students when he (Pearce) leaves the central office... late in the evening.

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HAPPENINGS

Z.C.P.T.O. MEETING. The Zion Chapel P. T. O. will meet Thursday, March 16, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Everyone is encouraged to attend as new officers will be elected during this meeting.

HOME, FARM & GARDEN SHOW. The 1995 Coffee County Home, Farm and Garden Show will be held March 18 and 19. Those who wish to exhibit at the show can contact chairman Dr. Jim Sparrow. Contact phone numbers are 393-3366 and 347-0048. The exhibitor fee is \$110, or \$160 for anyone wishing to sell items.

BAND DAY BEAUTY PAGEANT. The date for the selection of this year's Band Day Beauties is Friday, April 8, 1995. Girls from the Elba City Schools in grades K thru 12 are being given the opportunity to vie for the title of Little Miss, Mini Miss, Jr. Miss, and Miss Band Day '95. The Miss division contestants are being asked to wear evening gowns and all other divisions are wearing Sunday dresses. Entry forms are now available in the offices of Elba Elementary and Elba High Schools. For more information, contact Starla Amison at 897-2001.